

Year 1 Spring Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a great Christmas holiday and all your children are refreshed and ready for the Spring Term.



Curriculum

In **English** we will continue writing stories, non-fiction reports, and instructions. More complex sentence structures will be introduced and the children will be expected to talk about their writing and begin to check their writing makes sense.

In **Maths** we will be learning to count and compare numbers, adding and subtracting numbers to 20, beginning to understand money and continue measuring.

Our **Science** topics for this term are 'My Body' and 'Everyday Materials'. In a fun series of lessons the children will be challenged to name different body parts and start to explore what different things their bodies can do. They will then investigate the 5 senses. The Everyday Materials topic will allow children to identify, classify and describe everyday materials around them. Such as wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric.



Topic

For the first half of the spring term our **History** topic is 'What toys did Grandma and Grandad play with? This unit allows our class to jump into a world of toys. They will explore the history of toys, discuss their favourite toys and then go on to look at what toys were like in the past and how they differ to toys today. In the second half of the term our topic is 'Where do, and did, the wheels on the bus go?' This is a cross curricular topic and will link writing, art, and other related subjects.



Reading

Children will be asked to put their reading book and diary in the reading box each morning, so that we can see which books need to be changed. Please feel free to write any comments or questions you may have in here. We expect that all children should read at home a minimum of 5 times per week, this really benefits their progress, but if they want to read more than this then please do! We will be completing reading activities in school every day. This will be through guided reading groups and whole class reading activities. Our daily phonics will supplement this.

In **Design and Technology** the children will complete 2 units of work called 'Moving Pictures' and 'Vehicles'. In these units the children will let their imaginations soar as they think up exciting and inventive ways to bring pictures to life through a variety of moving mechanisms. They will investigate different vehicles before designing, making and evaluating their own vehicle. Wheels, axels, sliders and pivots will be discussed and investigated.

In **PE** the children will participate in Archery, target practise activities and invasion games. All of these units will enable children to develop their throwing and receiving skills, aiming, balance, coordination, movement and control. During **Computing** sessions the children will complete work on basic programming concepts such as loops and events. Lessons also teach students to collaborate with others meaningfully, investigate different problem-solving techniques, persist in the face of difficult tasks, and learn about internet safety. The children will be singing in **Music** lessons and beginning to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Make different sounds with their voices and instruments and identify changes in sounds. Our **Religious Education** unit of work is called 'What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?' This unit enables children to learn about what Christians believe about God and about Jesus as the son of God. It also looks at stories about Jesus and some of the stories that he told.



Homework

Homework will be put into the plastic wallets by Mrs Boon. The tasks given will relate to work we are doing in class (where possible). There may be additional homework on occasions, for example, where a misconception has arisen in class. Please try and sit with your child while they complete their homework. This will boost their self-esteem, create a positive link between home and school and you can pick up on any misconceptions the children may have.



PE

PE days for this term will be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children should have both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school comprising of:

Indoor PE: White T-shirt, Black/dark shorts, Black pumps - that fit

Outdoor PE: White T-shirt, Black/dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, Trainers - that fit, Hoodie/Sweatshirt

All PE kit should be labelled (so we can return it to the correct person should anything become lost), in separate bags and they go in your child's locker.

We would like to remind you that no jewellery should be worn for PE. Ears that are newly pierced may be covered for the first 6 weeks. After this time, children must be able to remove earrings themselves or taken out in the morning at home on PE days. This is part of our health and safety policy for all children.



Parents may send in a note from home with their child for the teacher but we ask that parents do not come into the classroom in the mornings, as this is an important time for the adults to settle the children in and initiate a classroom routine. We will have a notice board in the classroom window for updating

parents/carers with information/reminders - so please look out for it when you pick up/drop off your child.

Toast money is to be paid up front for the whole half term. Please see the office regarding any queries.

As we have a sink in the classroom suitable for drinking water, we will supply plastics cups for the children to help themselves to drinks. If you wish to send in a water bottle that is fine, however we do not encourage fruit juices or flavoured drinks to be brought into the classroom. Please remember children are **not permitted to bring toys into school**.

Thank you for your continued support. If you wish to discuss anything with me concerning your child, please don't hesitate to come and see us after school or arrange a convenient appointment. Please remember to look out for special school activities and dates on the School Newsletter & Facebook.

Thanks

Mr Wright & Mrs Boon