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Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Year 1 Class Teachers: Miss Downs and Miss Cadden

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this term. Please feel free to talk to the Class teacher about any area of this curriculum.

Mathematics

In the Spring Term we will be teaching children to add and subtract numbers within 20 (and above for a challenge!) and develop our knowledge of place value further by focusing on numbers up to 50. This will include representing, comparing and ordering numbers to 50 as well as looking at the tens and ones. As well as this, children will start to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be learning about length, height, weight and volume, where we will be comparing the difference between measurements.

English

Children will continue to develop their ability to talk confidently about high quality picture books and their responses to them. They will explore how language is used effectively to paint a picture for the reader and deepen their understanding. Through our core texts 'The Last Wolf' and 'The Lonely Beast', children will be learning to make predictions, write in role for diary entries and letters, and gain an understanding of newspaper articles. Furthermore, Children will be developing their use of capital letters and will begin to learn about prefixes and suffixes (un, -ing, and -ed).

In Phonics, we will be continuing to develop our reading skills by learning more sounds and tricky words. We aim to develop children's confidence and fluency with their reading.

Computing

We will be developing children's computing skills by using different programs like paint and word. Children will be continuing to develop their confidence in using a mouse and keyboard to log in, type words and sentences, save and find work etc.

Science

Comparing Materials

In this unit we will be teaching children to identify and group materials, with a focus on their properties. Children will be undergoing investigations whereby they will ask and answer questions about properties such as transparency and buoyancy.

Animals

In our topic about animals, we will be focusing on the human body. We will be exploring senses, parts of the human body and their functions.

P.E.

Ball Skills

Pupils will explore different ways of sending (passing) the ball to their partner. They will recap the different ways of using their feet to move with a ball as well as understanding the meaning of the word 'control' and why it is so important to keep the ball close to them.

Dance

Children will be responding to rhythm and patterns through using their body to move around to a beat. Children will use their previous knowledge of body parts to perform controlled movements through the theme of 'growing'

Music

Children will listen to music from a range of styles and genres. Throughout these pieces, they will develop their listening, appraising, composing, improvising, and performing skills.

P.S.H.E.

Children's mental health and wellbeing is even more at the forefront of all our learning this year. Through our PSHE lessons this term children will develop their understanding of their dreams and goals and how we stay healthy in our body and mind. As always, they will also reflect on friendships and differences within our class.

History

This term, we will be teaching children about 'The Great Fire of London'. This is a very exciting topic whereby children can explore this key event and identify changes that have taken place.

Geography

The focus in Geography this term will be London. Children will explore transport, houses and key places in London, as well as identifying different cities on a map of the UK.

Art

The children will have the opportunity to develop their skills in designing and making 3D models and printing. They will continue to explore the use of colour and create artwork that they are proud of.

D.T.

Children will learn the process of designing a structure. They will be researching, brainstorming and designing a structure of their own.

Key Information

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. Please ensure it is completed and handed in on time. All details about Homework can be found in your child's homework books.

Reading

Reading books are changed on Mondays and Thursdays however, children need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day. Please ensure you comment in your child's reading record when they have read to you, as otherwise their book cannot be changed. Ideally we would like children to be reading at least five times per week in order to support their phonic development and recognition of words.

Spellings

Spellings will be issued on Fridays as part of your child's homework. In order for your child to be successful with learning their weekly spellings, please support them to practice them regularly throughout the week. They will have a Spelling Test on Friday mornings.