

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1 Class 1
2015

Welcome back I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas holidays and are ready for the exciting term ahead!

Cross curricular topic work: Our topic this half term is 'Mother Nature'.

Numeracy:

We will be continuing to focus upon counting, number and place value this will include estimating, ordering, counting on and back, doubling and halving as well as writing numbers. Additionally, we will be looking at identifying 2D/3D shapes and looking at time.

Literacy:

Read Write Inc will be continuing every morning where children will be taught in ability groups across the school.

We will be focusing on a story called 'Jack and the Beanstalk' children will use this to support their writing by sequencing and rewriting the story. We will be closely looking at sentence construction, report writing, explanation texts, recounts, instructions and character descriptions.

ICT:

We will begin to develop skills in simple word processing. We will also use the programme 'paint' to create pictures of buildings around A, leaf drawings and designing our own flower/plant.

Science:

We will be learning about the growth of plants, the parts of plants and the four seasons. We will take part in a walk around the local woods to identify different leaves. Following this we will be labelling the parts of a plant and a flower. We will discuss the four seasons and draw pictures to show the changes that take place. Finally, we will be doing a sunflower experiment to see which area of the classroom it grows the best in!

PE

P.E will always be on a Monday afternoon. All children must have the appropriate P.E kit for both indoors and outdoors.

Enrichment opportunities:

- Sunflower investigation.
- Walk around the local woods.
- Clay leaf making.
- Leaf rubbings.
- Planting our own cress.

Ways to help your child:

- By talking about the **topics** and finding out any information from books, computers, internet, libraries etc. Please encourage the children to bring any useful information into school. If you have any particular personal information, which may be of interest and you would like to share this in school, please contact me.
- By discussing any **Home Learning** with your child and helping/encouraging them to complete any tasks. Home Learning is given out on Fridays and should be returned to school by the following Thursday so it can be marked and celebrated.
- By helping them to learn thoroughly any mental maths work or number bonds to 10 and 20.
- By helping them to learn thoroughly any **spellings** they may bring home. Spellings are given out through RWI on a Friday and tested the following week.
- By encouraging them to read as much as possible (at least 3 times a week) and using the assessment focus ideas in your child's home school diary.
- The children will be set curricular targets that will be shared with them each term. These are small steps to success that children should know and aim to achieve by the end of term.
- Ensuring that they come to school on time, ready to work hard and succeed!

RE, PSHE and SEAL:

We will be learning about the stories of Jesus in RE. In PSHE we are closely looking at how to care and share within the environment and how to ensure we maintain good friendships with our peers.

Thank you so much for all your help and support!!

"Reach for the Stars"

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