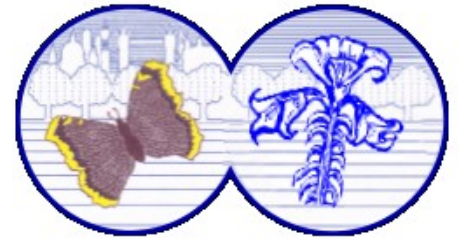


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CURRICULUM NEWS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Maths

These are the maths topics for the term;

Autumn 1

Number and place value, addition, subtraction, 2D shapes, length and height and multiplication.

Autumn 2

Time, addition and subtraction, money, fractions, and 2D and 3D shapes.

It is important that you continue to support your child with numbers at home. Please work on counting forwards and back to and from 20 and adding and subtracting numbers to 20. The children also need lots of practice forming their numbers correctly. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask for help.

Children need to learn their number bonds to 10 securely. They need to work out 1 more and 1 less and 10 more and 10 less from any given number. To be able to add a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number by counting on in their heads.

Science

This term we will be studying the human body. We will be looking at the names of various parts of the body.

The children will be learning about their 'senses' and investigating each sense. They will be studying animals, their diets and the difference between mammals, birds, fish and reptiles. They will be looking at young animals and how they grow into adult animals. At the end of the unit, they will be studying how to look after and care for pets.

Reading

At school, your child reads twice a week with an adult and with their teacher as part of their Guided reading sessions. This reading will support their learning but the biggest impact for your child will be reading **every day** at home with you. Please spend ten to fifteen minutes per day reading with your child, asking questions and discussing the text. This is important for their understanding. Library day for Yellow Class will be Tuesdays and for Blue class it will be Thursdays.



Writing

In the first half of the Autumn term, the children will be reading about Ringo the Flamingo by Neil Griffiths. All of our writing in English is based around this book.

They will be writing character descriptions and discussing the storyline. They will also be taking part in dramatic activities, such as acting out the story in groups and small world work.

As writers, they will continue to focus on the correct punctuation when writing sentences i.e. using capital letters to start a sentence and either a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark to end it. They will continue to ensure that they write 'good' sentences with increasing independence. In the second half of the term, they will be reading about baby bear in the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy.

They will be looking carefully at all his adventures and the characters he meets on the way to the moon. Any writing your child does at home will help to improve their writing skills. Please encourage your child to write about their day or their interests at home. Please talk to your child about the things that they are learning at school and this will help to consolidate their learning.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Religious Education

In Religious Education learning, the children will be learning about God's Great Plan. They will be looking at the creation story and the things that were created on each day. The children will be making zigzag books to depict this.

They will be reading the story of Noah's Ark and discussing God's wonderful world and how we can best look it.



In the second half of the term the children will be learning about Judaism for one week. The learning will then focus on Mary, the mother of God. Working in groups, the children will be looking at Mary's character and reading Bible stories about Mary.

Computing

In ICT children will be using the 'Scratch' programme to programme and control a character. Children will input instructions into the computer for the character to carry out. They will also be learning typing skills. They will also be finding out about toys using iPads. The children will be assessed and then supported with developing these key skills.



Art

In art lessons children will continue to learn about drawing as a medium to develop and share ideas. They will incorporate known experiences. Children will focus on self portraits and still life drawings. We are currently planning a trip to the Tate Modern on the Southbank. Dates to follow.



Geography

We are currently learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom. The children will be locating these on a map. They will be finding out the capital cities and rivers and find them on a map.



Homework set consolidates the learning we have been doing in class that week. Please support your child at home and feel free to ask questions if you do not understand anything. Weekly spellings are sent home on Fridays.

History

After half term, we will be looking at toys from long ago. They will be handling toys from 40-50 years ago and investigating the materials they are made of and why. The children will be comparing the toys to the toys they play with.



Physical Education

This term in outside P.E we will be working on Games skills using a variety of equipment.

Indoor PE will be working on pirate stories for 'Real' PE, moving their bodies for movements on board a pirate ship.

Please note:

PE kit must be worn for all lessons.

This consists of a plain white T-shirt and navy blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms in colder weather. Please make sure all long hair is tied up.

Please ensure that your child also wears trainers or plimsolls.

Blue: Monday (indoor PE)

Thursday (outdoor PE)

Yellow: Tuesday (outdoor PE)

Thursday (indoor PE)

Music

Music lessons will be taught by Mrs Hagyard. She will be teaching the children to play the recorder. They will be learning a variety of songs and after half term, we will be focussing on the songs for our Christmas nativity including a range of carols. Hymn Practice every Thursday.