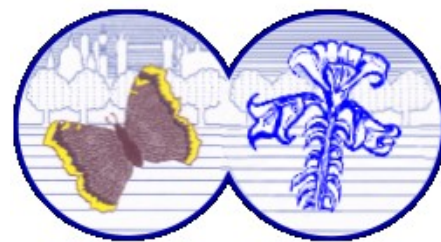


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CURRICULUM NEWS FOR YEAR 1

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Maths

Maths topics for the term;
Autumn 1

Number, addition Subtraction, 2D shapes, number and place value, addition and subtraction

Autumn 2

Length and height, multiplication, division, measurement and time, addition and subtraction, 2D/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, using objects, fingers, number lines. It is important that children know that maths is everywhere. You can help them by asking questions like; 'how many cars are on the road? What would happen if one more came? What number do you see on the door? Number plate?' They also need to know how to add and subtract numbers to 20. The children need lots of practice forming their numbers correctly.

Children need to learn their number bonds to 10 securely. E.g. $9+1$, $8+2$, $7+3$, $6+4$, $5+5$ etc. They need to work out 1 more and 1 less and 10 more and 10 less from any given number. They also need to be able to add a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number by counting on in their heads from the largest number.



Science

Autumn 1

This half 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.

Autumn 2

This half-term we 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.

We will be looking at seasonal changes throughout the year and so this term it will be Autumn and Winter.

Reading

At school, your child reads twice a week with an adult. 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 both Yellow and Blue classes will be confirmed shortly. We are looking for volunteers from our parents. **CAN YOU HELP?** Please speak to the office staff if you can help regularly.



Writing

In the first half of the Autumn term our topic is **Space**. The children will be reading: '**Whatever Next**' by Jill Murphy and '**Beegu**' by Alexis Deacon. All of our writing in English will be based around these books. They will be writing character descriptions and discussing the storyline. They will be taking part in role playing baby bear going to the moon—great fun!

As writers, they will continue to focus on leaving finger spaces and using the correct punctuation when writing sentences i.e. using capital letters to start a sentence i.e. using capital letters to start a sentence and either a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark to end it. They need to be able to write 'good' sentences, which can be read by others, with increasing independence.

In the second half of the term our topic is **Toys** which ties in with our learning in history. They will be reading '**Dogger**' by Shirley Hughes. They will be talking and writing about their favourite toys and retelling the story of 'Dogger'. They will be reading non-fiction books about toys from now and the past and writing information booklets.

In line with National Poetry Day on 28th September and part of poetry week, linking with Science, the children will be writing Autumn poetry after a visit to Burgess Park.

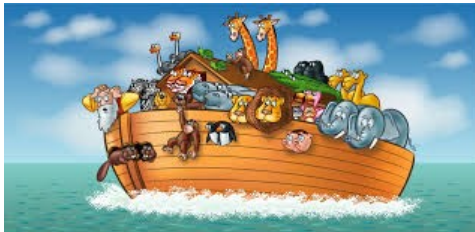
Any writing your child does at home will help to improve their writing skills. Please encourage your child to write about their day or their interests at home.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Religious Education

During Religious Education learning, the children will be learning about God's Great Plan. They will be looking at the creation story in the Bible and the things that were created on each day.

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



In Autumn 2, the children will be about 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.

Autumn children learning Judaism

Computing

In ICT children will be using the 'Scratch' programme to programme and control a character on screen. 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 various 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. In Autumn 2 we will be looking at Aboriginal art and African art.



Geography

We will be 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 also locating these on a map.



Homework set on Fridays 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. Please ensure that homework is returned by the following Wednesday.

Physical Education

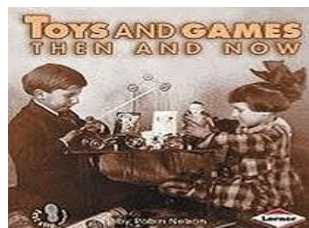
This term in outside P.E we will be working on Games skills using a variety of equipment. Indoor PE will be working on pirate stories for 'Real' PE, moving their bodies for movements on board a pirate ship.

Music

Music lessons will be taught by Mr Wells. He 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. Morning.

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 these toys with the toys they play with today. We are currently planning a trip to the Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green. Dates to be confirmed.



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: Thursdays (indoor PE)

Tuesdays (outdoor PE)

Yellow: Fridays (outdoor PE)

Mondays (indoor PE)