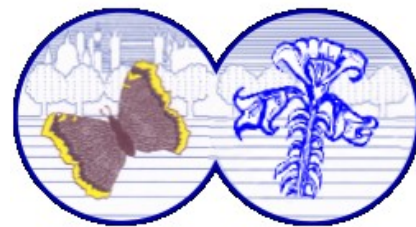


# TERM talk



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## English



We will be studying 'Where the Wild Things are' by Maurice Sendak for the first part of the term. The children will make their own monsters with speech bubbles and they will act out the story. When the children re-write the story, they are now able to write a three-part story with clear sentences. Many children are able to write sentences with different sentence starters. Some children can use question marks and exclamation marks appropriately. The other books we will be studying this term are; Beegu by Alexis Deacon and The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson.



Linking with

our science topic of 'Plants' we will be learning to write non-fiction reports about plants.

## Reading

At school, your child reads once a week, with an adult and their reading books will be changed twice a week. This reading along with their daily Phonics lessons will support their learning, however, the biggest impact for your child will be reading **every day** at home.

Please sign and date their Reading Diary daily to show that you are supporting your child with their reading. Most children are making good progress with their reading and this is because school and home are working together. Please continue to read with your child and write in their diary each time you do.

## Phonics

The children will continue to learn phonics every day in preparation for their Phonics Screening Check in June. We are concentrating on Phase 5 sounds and we shall be sharing resources with you at the **Parents Phonics Meetings to be held on Tuesday 10th May at 9am and 3.15pm. Details to follow.** The actual Phonics Screening Check will take place in the week beginning 13th June. Please ensure that your child is in school during this week.

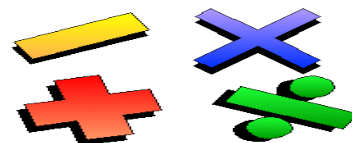
## P.E

In PE this term the children will be practising their catching and throwing skills. They will then apply this with tennis racquets. They will learn how to hit the ball against a wall with the racquet and then progress to playing with a partner.

For indoor P.E. the children will be learning some country dances. They will also participate in a range of team games.



## Maths



Mathematics learning will focus on the following:

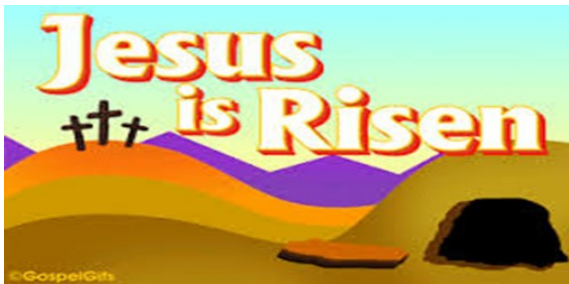
- Counting to 100, forwards and backwards with confidence.
- Recognising place value in teen numbers and two digit numbers beyond 20 e.g.  $16 = 1 \text{ ten and } 6 \text{ units}$ .
- Adding and subtracting a one digit number to and from numbers within 20 and beyond by counting on or back using a number line.
- Solving one-step simple word problems.
- Using arrays to support early multiplication and division. Consolidate finding and naming a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity within 20.
- Tell the time to the hour and half past, introducing quarter past and quarter to.
- Solve simple word problems relating to time.
- Consolidate recognising and naming common 2D and 3D shapes, describing their properties.
- Recognise and know the value of different coins to one pound and notes £5, £10, £20.
- Solve simple money problems.
- Introduce standard units of length (centimetres and metres) and use to estimate, measure and record.
- Investigate problems involving weight and capacity in practical contexts.

# Religious Education

In RE, the children be studying the topic of 'The Resurrection'. They will learn about the Easter story and the events that occurred during this time.

They will reflect about what happened to the disciples and how they felt after Jesus died. They will learn about the disciples in the Upper room and how Jesus appeared amongst them. Thomas was not present and when he heard about Jesus, he said that he would not believe this until he saw Jesus for himself. The message for us is that we haven't see Jesus and yet we believe.

After half term, the children will be studying Jesus' miracles. We will be looking at how Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, how Jesus cured a paralysed man and helped a blind man see again. They will also read about Jesus' first miracle- the wedding feast of Cana.



Blue Class Assembly; Thursday 19th May at 9.15  
Blue Class Liturgy: Thursday 23rd June at 9.15am  
BLUE CLASS PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Yellow Class Assembly Thursday ?????? at 9.15am.  
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# Science

For the first part of the term, we will be learning about 'Plants' The children will learn the names and the function of the different parts of a plant. They will also be learning about what plants need to survive and the importance of 'seeds'. They will be growing their own beans and measuring them as they grow. The Gardening Club happens on Friday lunchtimes.



'Seasonal Change' continues throughout the year. This explores the changing weather and the affects this has on the growth of trees, plants and animals.



# Homework

*The homework we 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 Thursdays.*

# Topic

In Summer 1 the children will be learning about farms for the geography topic. They will be looking at different farms, what is grown or reared and why farms are very important.

The history topic is the seaside in the past. They will be finding out about the places where people in England used to go for a holiday beside the seaside.

# Art

During Summer 1, Blue Class will be learning about the artist Georges Seurat. Yellow class will be learning about the artist Giuseppe Arcimbaldo. Both classes will be experimenting with a range of artistic forms.

The artwork will be mounted and displayed in the hall for our 'Art Gallery' and parents will be able to purchase these pictures. **Friday 20th May 3pm-5pm. PLEASE COME!**

# Music

Weekly music lessons will continue to be taught by Mrs Hagyard. The children will continue to accompany the songs with a range of percussion instruments.

They will sing songs and work towards singing in a show at the end of the term.



# Computing

In Computing lessons the children will be taught how to use the camera on the iPad to record different images, and then to use the filter function to manipulate these.



**Please note:**

**The correct PE kit must be worn**  
Please check that your child has the correct PE kit in school  
**Blue Monday** (outdoor PE)  
**Tuesday** (indoor PE)  
**Yellow Tuesday** (indoor PE)  
**Friday** (outdoor PE)