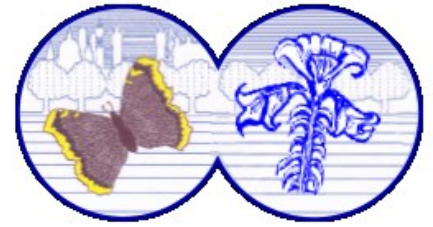
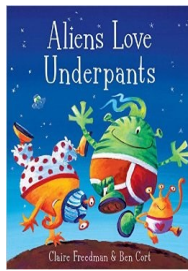
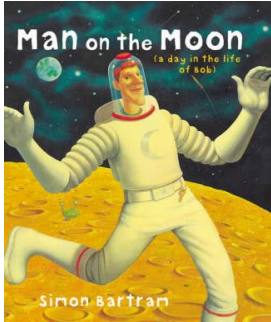


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CURRICULUM NEWS
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English



In the first half of the Spring Term, we will be learning all about space. We will be reading 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman. And 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy.

We will be using these stories to help inspire our writing. We will be learning to write lists, labels, and even writing a letter from space! We will be re-telling the stories through drama and the children will also be writing lots of sentences relating to these stories and reading information books to find out interesting facts about space. After our space topic, will focus on the non-fiction topic dinosaurs where we will be learning lots of dinosaur facts.

In the second half of the term children will be learning the traditional fairy-tales of 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'Goldilocks' and 'The Three Little Bears'. In all these classic tales we will be writing information books, post-cards, letters and stories using sentences with high-frequency words and phonetically spelt words. We will also be focusing on the importance of finger spaces and full stops.



We will continue to focus on the importance of correct letter formation. Children are expected to form their letters from the correct starting point and begin to write lower case letters so that they are all of a similar size. Please help them at home.

a b c d e
f g h i j k
l m n o p
q r s t u
v w x y z



Reading

At school, your child reads weekly with an adult. This reading will support their learning, however, the biggest impact for your child will be reading every day at home with YOU!

We would like YOU to spend ten minutes EVERY day reading with your child with a focus on encouraging your child to sound out and blend words using their phonics on their own. This is essential for their developing fluency and accuracy.

The children are also working hard to try to learn as many of the tricky words (words you cant sound out) as they can. So please help them at home.

Phonics

Phonics lessons occur daily. During these sessions we revise all the sounds we have learnt from phase 2 and 3 so far, and then they learn a new sound every day. We are currently learning phase 3 sounds, high frequency words and tricky words.



Maths

In the first half term we will be learning how to count aloud to 20, count objects to 20, add and subtract using one digit and two digit numbers:

By the end of the term, the children will record their answers in number sentences complete with addition, subtraction and equals signs. e.g. If I have 4 pencils and I find 2 more, how many will I have altogether?

$$4 + 2 = 6$$

If I have 8 apples and give two away, how many will I have left?

$$8 - 2 = 6$$

Please continue to practise writing numerals correctly with your child as this will be an important part of writing their number sentences correctly.

The children will also be learning about measuring objects through a variety of creative and exploratory activities. They will use everyday language when comparing the heaviest and lightest objects when using balances. Full, empty and half-full are also concepts we will be exploring. Lots of bath time fun ahead! Please reinforce this vocabulary with them at home.



Religious Education



In Religious Education lessons, the topic will be 'Getting to know Jesus.'

The children will learn how Jesus has a great love for each one of us.

Through exciting and interactive activities, the children will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will learn that Jesus cured people who were ill and as a year group we will be thinking of ways in which we can show our love for people who are ill.

After half term the topic is 'Sorrow and Joy'. By the end of the topic we hope the children will understand that we should always be kind to each other and that it is very important to say sorry when we do hurt someone and to know that we need to ask Jesus to help us to be kind to others.

Towards the end of the Spring Term, we will be looking at the Easter story and learning to retell and understand this important event in the Christian Calendar.

Understanding of The world

In this area of learning the children will be, investigating items which float and sink and those which hover!

They will be exploring light and dark and learning about the job of an astronaut! They will also be learning about the different planets, and imagining what the planets would look like if we visited them.

In the second half of the term we will be completing various different challenges relating to the characteristics of effective learning. We will become paleontologist excavating Dinosaur fossils.

Art

In Art this term, the children will be creating their very own rockets to fly to space in! They will be decorating their rocket as part of our 'Space' topic.



Dates for your Diary

Trip to Dulwich picture Gallery to take part in a creative workshop.

Rainbow: 2nd March

Red 9th March

More details to follow

Red Class Assembly : 28th January

Rainbow Class: Liturgy 9th March

PSED

For our topic this term, the children will be learning how to recognize different feelings and learn about a range of emotions including jealousy, shyness, anger and happiness.



Music

In Music we will be learning about keeping the beat and playing in time using claves. We will be learning new vocabulary such as high, low, fast and slow.

We will also be experimenting with different instruments and the various sounds we can make.

Physical Education

For our PE sessions we will be doing gymnastics, developing skills of jumping, travelling and using apparatus. Children will also be working on improving their social skills through working with a partner.

Please note:

The correct PE kit must be worn at all times.

This consists of a plain white T-shirt and navy blue shorts and black plimsolls. A track suit for outside PE during the colder weather would be a good idea. Please remember to come to school wearing your P.E kit!

Red Class: Monday and Thursday
Rainbow Class: Monday and Friday.

Technology

Children will be learning about all of the different types of technology that we find in school, at home, at the supermarket, petrol station, tube station, on buses etc

