

Y1 and 2 Curriculum Spring Newsletter

Dear parents/carers, we would like to take this opportunity to say Happy New Year to you all. Please find below a snapshot of the curriculum that your child will be covering over the coming weeks. As you will see, there is a lot to do and any support that you can give at home will be greatly appreciated.

English – The children will be writing non-chronological reports about polar bears. They will learn about the different features of a report, facts about polar bears and then write their own non – chronological report.

In addition, the children will continue with daily phonics/reading sessions.

Please support your child by listening to them read regularly at home and by reading to them.

We are asking for your child to read four times during a week. Please sign the reading diary so the adults know that they have read. Children will have a reading book that they will read a number of times through the week, each time they read they should become more confident, fluent and start to use expression. It is important that your child also understands what they are reading, you can help with this by asking your child questions about what they have read. Your child needs to bring these books in their book bag to school every day.

Your child will also choose a free choice reading for pleasure book. This is a book that they may be able to read or for you to read with them. This book needs to be brought into school on a Monday and a Thursday so they can choose a new book.

Please also support them with learning their spellings each week. These will be sent home in their home learning books on a Monday and the spelling challenge will be on the Friday.

Maths – In Year 1, children will be learning about numbers to 50. They will be able to count forwards and backwards and write, read and make the numbers. The children will also learn strategies to add and subtract numbers to 50.

In Year 2, children will be learning about shape, including symmetry, money and time. They will be able to make amounts of money in different ways, e.g. 20p could be made using two 10p coins or four 5p coins. They will work out change, e.g. $50p - 23p = 27p$. Children will tell the time to quarter hour intervals. Children will be learning to multiply and divide numbers and will become more familiar with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science – We will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will learn about different habitats and microhabitats around the world. There are many great video clips on BBC Bitesize that will support your child's learning in science, e.g.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv/articles/zxdsvcw>

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Geography – We are locating the seven continents and five oceans of the world. We will find out that the nearer you are to the equator, the hotter it gets and how cold it is at the poles.

RE – This term we will be thinking about the question – What did Jesus leave behind? Children will listen and respond to the story of The Good Samaritan and The Lost Sheep.

PSHCE –Our theme this term is British Values, children will talk about respect and why is important. We will also look at democracy and how this happens in school.

Music – We are using the programme Charanga; the unit this term is I Wanna Play in a Band. Children will listen to music and name some instruments they hear. Children will take part in playing instrumental parts in time to a beat and compose a simple melody to use as a part of a performance

Computing – The unit this term is Creating Pictures we will use the program to paint a picture to create art based upon different styles. We will then move onto using eCollage to create surrealist art using drawing and clipart.

Art – Our artists this term are William Morris, John Dearle and Andy Goldsworthy who created collages and sculptures. Using modelling clay, we will make snail sculptures and etching tools to create patterns. Using paper and magazines, we will create a spider sculpture. We will also make natural object collages.

PE – Gymnastics is our focus this term. Children will practice different balances, rolls, jumps and ways to travel. They will use movements to put into a sequence and perform to the class.

Please send your child to school in their PE kit. They should wear trainers on PE days and earrings must be removed.

Mrs Nicholson's class – Monday and Thursday

Mrs Shepherd's class – Thursday and Friday

Mrs Docherty's class – Tuesday and Thursday

If your child is not taking part in PE, they must come to school in the correct uniform including black school shoes.

Please make sure that your child arrives at school by 8:40 each day to ensure that they do not miss any learning time.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please speak to their teacher.

Kind regards,

KS1 Team