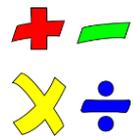


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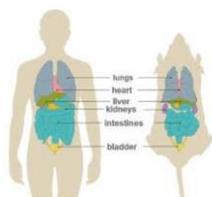
Welcome back to the beginning of New Year and the spring term. This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering in class 1 throughout the spring term. If you have any artefacts or resources that would help to enhance or support our curriculum then please come and let us know. If you or anyone you know could come in to talk to the children and share experiences and expertise then we would love to hear from you.



ENGLISH This term in our English lessons the children will be exploring a wide variety of texts focussing on sentence structure, conjunctions and writing non-fiction texts. Within our lessons the children will be developing their writing skills through exploring a range of grammatical features that are specific to that piece of writing using our sentence tool kit. We will also continue with daily guided reading sessions and the children will be taught how to use their inference and deduction skills to ask and answer questions from the shared text. Reception, year 1 and 2 children will take part in phonics sessions every day to support them in the knowledge that is required for reading and writing. Reception children will continue to develop letter formation through daily practice. Our daily phonics sessions will support the children's letter sound knowledge and help to support them with their independent writing skills. Reading with your child everyday will help to reinforce skills and sounds developed in school.



MATHEMATICS Our daily maths session will include twenty minutes of fluency, developing links with known facts. Our focus this term will explore multiplication and division. We will then use the skills that we have learnt to begin to use techniques we have learnt to solve problems. Year 1 and 2 children will be learning and practicing their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Throughout our lessons we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of ways. As well as problem solving the children will be developing their ability to draw and explain their reasoning about their answers and solutions. Reception children continue learning mathematical concepts through play and adult lead activities that enable them to use and apply numbers in a mathematical context, recording and demonstrating their understanding using equipment, particularly numbers from 0 to 20. It would be helpful if you could practice counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's with your child at home to support their learning at school.



SCIENCE Our topic this term is 'Humans and animals'. The children will be looking different parts of the body and why we need them as well as exploring our senses. We will then look at the five main animal groups of fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and mammals. The children will be able to compare and contrast each of these groups and place animals into the correct group according to its features. We hope to organise a trip later in the term to enable the children to experience what they have learnt in class in an outdoor setting.



TOPIC (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY) Our topic learning this term is 'Explorers'. The children begin this term looking at the geography element of the topic. We will be looking at maps; beginning with our local area, exploring the UK and then continents. We will also be looking at rivers, seas and oceans as well as the countries and giving clear directions on how to get from one place to the other. Our history element of the topic will look at Christopher Columbus and his great Voyages of discovery. The children will learn about what life was like on board a ship and the

many things that Columbus discovered! We will have a visit from Clive Pig for a storytelling sessions and workshop to help bring our learning to life.



ART/DT The children will be developing their skills in sketching and drawing. They will also be looking at the artist Andy Warhol and exploring the different pieces of art that he produced. In DT the children will be looking at the diet the crew had on board 'voyages of discovery'. We will also be following some simple recipes to make some delicious snacks, trying out new foods.



MUSIC Our music lessons will take place each Friday afternoon with Mrs Joliffe, a specialist music teacher who works across our federation schools. This term Mrs Joliffe will be exploring rhythm and the children will use these skills to create a composition; producing pieces of music showing the journeys of explorers - particularly Christopher Columbus.



PE Our PE lessons take place every **FRIDAY** in school. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a PE kit (plain white t shirt, navy shorts and trainers).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and PHSE



This term in R.E class one will be focussing on 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?' This unit of learning will explore who is the Prophet Muhammad and why is he important to Muslim, what we can learn from Muslim Holy words and what difference worshipping God has on Muslim people. Our PHSE topic will focus on our feeling and emotions looking at how our body feels and reacts when displaying different emotional states.



HOME LEARNING Home learning will be sent home each **FRIDAY** and should be returned to school on **TUESDAY**. Your child will receive a phonic sound activity which will focus on a particular sound that we have been exploring that week. They need to practice how to spell the words using that sound to be able to use and apply it on their writing. They will also have a maths activity to complete based on the learning we have covered in class that week. It is important that they bring their home learning into school on Tuesday to allow marking of home learning together in class and preparation for next week's activities. All children are expected to read at home with their parents/carers daily. This will help and support the children both in their love of reading and to support their understanding of stories, information books and to support their learning of phonics. We ask that you fill in their reading record book and return this to school every day.



TRIP/ VISITORS We will be planning a range of trips and visitors to come into school this term to enhance the development of our curriculum. We will inform you about these nearer the time.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Hannah in the office.

Many thanks for your continual support,

Mrs Cook and Mrs Walter