



Dear Parent/Career,

Curriculum Information Year 1- Spring Term 2017 (UPDATE)

I would like to update you on our learning for the rest of the spring term in Year 1. We have finished our Space topic which the children have seemed to really enjoy and learnt a lot from.

For the second half of the spring term our topic is now 'The Outdoors' and we are focusing on a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Literacy

As I mentioned in the autumn term update letter, we are continuously working on the 'non-negotiables' for writing. These are not negotiable because they are skills they should have met in Reception. If you know your child is still inconsistent with any of these it is very helpful if you point this out to them when they are writing at home so that they can correct themselves.

- Writing sitting on the lines
- Neat cursive handwriting
- Using Phonics to sound out and spell words.
- Finger spaces

We will be continuing to develop the children's understanding of full stops, capital letters and adjectives whilst also introducing new skills such as basic punctuation, ! & ?, capital letters for Pronouns and names, verbs, nouns, speech and writing narratives.

The children will continue to have daily, differentiated, discrete phonics lessons. This will support and develop their literacy skills alongside their reading and handwriting/spelling lessons. The children have now completed 2 practice Phonics tests and are used to the format. Please encourage your children to find the diagraphs (ai, ee, oo etc)/trigraphs (igh, ear, ure, air), in the word when they are reading as this will support them in the test.

We will be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts based around our 'Space' theme to spark imagination in their writing. We will be experimenting with different ways of writing such as short narratives, instructions, changing the text and adding in speech.

We will continue to develop skills with structured reading sessions which will utilise their comprehension and spelling as well as their ability to transfer their phonic skills to blend and segment words.

Numeracy

In numeracy the children will be developing their understanding of money, fractions and solving simple multiplication and division problems using arrays. During mental math sessions we will continue to ensure the children can count confidently up to 100 forwards and backwards from any given number and count in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will continue to make reference to place value and addition and subtraction. It would be useful to try and incorporate this into your daily life by allowing your child to use money in a shop, share sweets/grapes out between 2 and 4 people and complete simple mental arithmetic problems, for example, we have 8 cups on the table if we added 5 more/took 5 away how many would we have left?

Topic and Cross Curricular

Our topic will cover lots of Science as we will look closely at animals.

We will be incorporating Art and Design into our topic to investigate different ways of displaying our ideas and findings.

Physical Development, Music & Spanish

In PE we will be improving our skills in gymnastics. Our PE days are a Monday and a Thursday. In music we will be playing tuned and un-tuned instruments to make and combine sounds musically.

The children have already begun their Spanish Curriculum in Reception and this will continue weekly in Year 1.

Personal, Social, Emotional and Citizenship

Our PSE development will run through all areas of the curriculum, developing confidence, learning to become more independent, developing friendships and respect for ourselves and others. In addition to this we will have a weekly circle time on a Tuesday to discuss any issues or topics that have arisen during the week.

Dates for your diary & messages

- Please continue to practice spellings and Number Zumba weekly.
- A baking contribution of £8 is still welcome from anyone who has not yet donated. Thank you to all that have already contributed. This can either be given in 1 amount or £4 now and £4 in February. We will be baking every other week on a Wednesday with our skilled baking volunteer.
- Stick day: Wednesday 1st March
- Parent event- Thursday 6th April
- Parents evening: Tuesday 21st March & Wednesday 22nd March

Thank you for all your support!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask either of us.

Miss Waterhouse and Mrs Berry