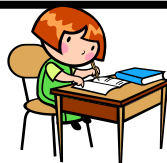




Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter

We hope this newsletter gives you an overview of our learning and provides you with some ideas for how best to support your child at home.

English



During English lessons the children will focus on the stories 'The Lion Inside' & 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'.

We ask that you don't read ahead, as we read the story over a few weeks, learning and writing about it as we go. Our Writing Mastery Keys are:

- Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, some question marks and exclamation marks
- Join words and clauses using and
- Some accurate use of the prefix un-
- Some accurate use of suffixes (where no change is needed to the root of the word) e.g. ed, -ing, -er, -est

As part of our Read Write Inc. Phonics we will be continuing to embed decoding and blending skills. It is important to continue reading the children's weekly reading books and also practise decoding sounds in 'alien' words in readiness for the phonics screening test in June. Please find more information on how to support your child below:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/primary-school-assessment-tests/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-sample-materials-and-training-video>

Great games to practise real and alien words:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

Visit - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading/read-write-inc-phonics-guide-for-parents/> to find out what Read Write Inc. Phonics is and find eBooks, videos, and kits to help your child as they learn to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics at home. Thank you again for your support©.

Here are our R.E. topics and some links to aid learning at home:

- Jesus was special
- Easter - Celebrating new life



This will be linked to the signs of Spring. If you're out on a nature walk, keep an eye out for the changes happening during late Winter and early Spring.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLAnt9_5Mg

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-ks2-seasonal-changes-behaviour-animals-growth-cycle-plants/zfynvk7>

Our Spring Values are Hope & Perseverance

Maths



Our units for this term are:

- Place Value within 20
- Addition and Subtraction within 20
- Place Value within 50
- Length and Height
- Weight and Volume

Running throughout the lesson content described above is a huge element of **problem solving, paired discussion and team work**. The children also spend time journaling their ideas, developing their own ways of solving problems informally on paper by making jottings and diagrams. Using **practical equipment** to aid understanding is also an important part of Maths throughout the school. Please encourage your child to solve problems practically, as well as on paper. Counters, blocks and real-world items are a great way to explore learning.

For Maths challenges, please access <https://mathseeds.co.uk/> and <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Here are some more specific games to enhance mathematical understanding:

The White Rose App - <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/measuring-in-cm>

Here is a link to some virtual apparatus that matches the equipment we use in school:

<https://www.coolmath4kids.com/manipulatives>

Foundation subjects



In **Science**, we will be continuing to learn about plants and how they grow and change through the seasons.

In **Geography**, the children will be learning about and recording the weather.

<https://d3tt741pwxqwm0.cloudfront.net/KET/evlearnket/Dress-For-The-Season/index.html>

In **French**, try online videos or <https://www.linguascope.com/> to practise colours. If you would like to try Linguascope, please ask your class teacher for the login details.

In **PE**, our topics are Dance and Ball-Skills.

In **Computing** we are using Autodesk Sketchbook to become digital artists and we will be creating our own eBooks all about ourselves. We will be using the Book Creator App.

<https://bookcreator.com/>

In **Art** we will be exploring the work of Henri Matisse and we will have our next Art Day with Mr Corcoran. In **DT** we will be using sliders and levers to create pop-up books.

In **PSHE** we will be discussing our 'Dreams and Goals' and how to ensure a 'Healthy Me'.