

# Belonging

## English

This year will see us continuing on our quest! In year 1 and 2 our English learning is driven by a quest, a curious quest. Whereby the children have to write, draw and invent for different characters to help us get to the final destination. Along the way we will need to defeat different baddies and cross different lands using our writing skills. This way of learning is personalised to your child's next steps. They are all so inspired by it already and the children's ideas have been so imaginative. They have totally fallen into a world of story dreaming!

## Maths

In maths this half term we will be focusing on place value. The year 1's will be focusing on numbers to 20 and the year 2's will be focusing on numbers to 100. In maths we will be streaming the children across the year group daily based on their next steps. This will be flexible daily, weekly and half termly to ensure each child's learning is personalised and right for them. We have agreed as a team due to the stretch of the curriculum in this area that this is currently the best way for us to teach this subject.

## Welcome!

Welcome to Year 1 and 2! We have really enjoyed seeing all the children again after the summer holidays and they have had a super start already to the term.

You will have noticed that our classrooms are set up for play-based learning. Play for children is vitally important to all aspects of their learning including building their own self-worth of their abilities and confidence. Our vision in Year 1 and 2 will be to continue their learning in this way and personalising it for all children to ensure they are achieving their next steps.

## Key days in the week

- PE Fridays
- Library Tuesdays
- Nature Explorers – Tuesday afternoons (please bring wellies and waterproofs).
- Phonics wallets need to be in everyday

## Key dates this half term:

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1:10pm – Leopard, Hippo and Cheetah Class walk in Chandler's Ford – Please bring wellies and waterproofs.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Please bring in 4 photos of your child, from birth to now, to show how they have changed.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Victorian Schools Day – come dressed as a Victorian child at school.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Come and visit your child's classroom – doors open after school.

## Suggestions to help your child at home...

Reading together at home is a fabulous way to encourage the development of your child's reading. We encourage the children to keep the same book over at least two nights and to re-read the same book in order to build fluency, pace and comprehension. Phonics reading books as well as their phonics booklets will go home every day for you to use at home and they are expected to be in every day to be used in our daily phonics lessons.

## Our learning during this unit will include....

### Science

This term, we will be learning all about our bodies. The children will be labelling parts of the body as well as learning the important functions of each of our senses. We will also be going on Welly walks once a week so please can your child have a pair of wellies to use in school, these will also be useful for them to wear when they are choosing to be outside in the winter months. During Welly walks we will be looking at changes throughout the seasons, looking at nature and plants as well as animals.

### Computing

This unit will introduce pupils to key computing skills and terminology. They will recognise common uses of information technology beyond school. They will learn about using technology safely and respectfully. We will also learn how to log on so we can use the computers when we wish during our play.

### PE

The Year 1's will be being taught gymnastic skills this half term. The year 2's will be being taught Football skills this half term.

### History

In history, we will be looking at changes over time and we will be focusing on changes within schools specifically the Victorian Era. Excitingly we will also have a Victorian Schools Day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### Geography

We will be looking at where we live in the world and what our local area looks like.

### RE

RE will see us exploring the concept of 'celebration' with a focus on Harvest. As a part of this we will be incorporating the visits to the Harvest church festival and thinking about our wider community.

### Art/DT

In Art we will be practising our drawing skills and using Quentin Blake as our focus artist. In DT we will be opening our carpentry areas and introducing woodwork for the children to use when they wish during the week.

### Music

In music, we have the Hampshire Music Service coming in every Thursday to teach the children. This session is called Listen to Me and this half term the children will be doing Bamboo Tamboo. You will be invited to a concert later in the term, further details to follow.

### PHSE

During personal, health and social education we will be learning about what makes us special and unique.