

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 1 and 2 – Autumn Term 2

English

We are continuing on our quest! The children are fully immersed in the land of story dreaming with different characters and locations entering our story dreamscape each week. The children have 3 Faithful Friends with them on their journey – Lovelace, Rembrandt and Rosa who they are helping on the quest by writing to Professor Klunk every day. We are focusing daily on our presentation, the formation of letters when we write and accurate sentence punctuation. Each week we learn 8 new beautiful words to open our portal and hope to use these in our everyday vocabulary and even in our writing to make it more exciting.

Maths

In maths this half term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction.

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 continuing to stream 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 still the best way for us to teach this subject.

Exploration

This half term we will be teaching through the concept of exploration! The children will be learning through many different adventures, story telling and play. It will encompass den building, orienteering and finding out about historic explorers.

- Library – Wednesdays
- Nature Explorers – Tuesday afternoons (please bring wellies and waterproofs).

Key dates this half term:

- Thursday 12th December – Bamboo Tamboo concert at 9:15am.
- Thursday 12th December – 3:20pm – come and share.
- There won't be a Christmas production but there will be a Summer show!

Suggestions to help your child at home...

Home learning - We are very impressed with the home learning that the children have completed this half term and look forward to seeing the children working through their home learning grid next half term. Please continue to encourage your child to have a go!

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 materials and using our knowledge to build different dens and undertake our science experiments. During nature explorers we will be continuing to look at the changes in our environment based on the seasons and weather. We will be orienteering and looking at printing within nature.

Computing

During computing the children will be focusing on keyboard work and the use of a mouse with a laptop to support control. We will be exploring a 'paint' programme and being able to create our own digital artwork.

PE

The Year 1's will be being taught wall bars this half term. The year 2's will be being taught Dodgeball this half term with a local schools tournament in January (more details to come and again, like the football tournament, the children will be chosen out of a hat to make it fair).

History

In history, we will be going to the moon! We will be learning all about Neil Armstrong and the historic 'first man on the moon' event.

Geography

We will be focusing on the seven continents of the world and then specifically learning about polar regions.

RE

RE will see us exploring the concept of 'Journey's End' with a focus on Christmas and the journey Mary and Joseph took at this special time of year. As a part of this we will be incorporating the visits to the church and our wider community at Christmas time.

Art/DT

In Art we will be practising our sewing skills and having our own mini projects. We will also be looking at the artist Orla Keily and linking this to printing in nature.

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.

Concert is: 12th December at 9:15am.

PSHE

During personal, health and social education we will be learning about friendships.