

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 1 and 2 – Spring Term 1

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. This term the children will be collecting their own hidden gems whilst 'coding' (writing) to support their individual progress in writing.

Maths

In maths we will be starting the year focusing on our skip counting and our times tables. By the end of KS1 all children should know their 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

We will be having an initial focus on place value up to 100 and as the half term progresses, we will be using these numbers to add and subtract. Alongside this it is helpful for the children to be able to recall number facts for example – all numbers that add up to 10 how this then relates to all numbers that add up to 20.

Environment

For the whole Spring Term, we will be teaching through the concept of Environment with a different focus within each half term. The children will be learning through many different play opportunities, stories and adventures as well as small projects.

Key days in the week

- PE Mondays (sports coach Kevin) and Fridays – please come in in PE kit.
- Library – Wednesdays
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Key dates this half term:

- Thursday 5th February – come and share – classrooms will be open for you to enjoy sharing your child's work with them.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

Reading rewards diary – it has been wonderful to see such a brilliant uptake with the new reading diary. Reading 4 times a week really progresses children's reading ability and reading the same book supports fluency in their reading.

Handwriting – this half term we will be sending home handwriting booklets for the children to use at home. We are really supporting the children with the size of their writing as well as their letter formation. Letter formation is really important for speed and automaticity when writing for longer

Our learning during this unit will include....

Science and Geography

This term, we will be learning all about the coastal habitat. We will be using our geographical skills to find coasts on maps, noticing key human and physical features of coasts and understanding how the animals are adapted to this environment. We will then be starting our focus on animal classification and this will continue into the next half term also in readiness for our trip to the New Forest Wildlife Park in June.

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

On Mondays, the Year 1 and 2s will be doing PE with Kevin and focusing on ball skills. On Fridays, the Year 2s will be continuing Dodgeball and starting Hockey and the Year 1s will be beginning to look at movement in dance and listening to a range of music from different cultures.

History

In History, we will be looking at Mary Anning and her significance in history as the person to find a dinosaur skeleton as well as being a woman and the changes over time with why she wasn't recognised at first.

RE

RE will see us exploring the concept of authority with a focus of events in the life of Jesus.

Art/DT

In Art we will starting to explore clay and how sculptures can be created. Our Artist of the month is going to be 'Wassily Kandinsky' with a focus on colour mixing.

Music

Our Hampshire Music 'Listen to Me' lessons will be African Drums. for the Spring Term. There will be a concert at the end of the Spring term to share with you what the children have learnt. Date and timings to be confirmed.

PSHE – My Happy Minds

We will be moving on to the 'Appreciate module'. It is a core part of the myHappymind program, an NHS-backed mental health and well-being curriculum used in schools and families. Its central focus is