



Literacy



Topics to be covered this term include: Year 1's will be using adjectives to write descriptive texts. Becoming familiar with and learning the features of non-fiction texts. Using conjunctions, such as 'and' to provide greater depth to sentences during information and Scientific writing. The year 2 children will be extending on this to use expanded noun phrases and conjunctions such as 'but' and 'because'. They will be learning about organisation of a non-fiction text, using sub-headings.

Grammar: Year 1 children will use nouns, verbs, adjectives, conjunctions such as 'and' to extend or join sentences. Year 2 will be building on this to look at using apostrophes for contractions, types of sentence- statement, command, question, exclamation.

Spelling: Year 1 High Frequency words and Common Exception words to support the children to use these naturally in their writing. Year 2 will be learning about spelling rules for plurals, suffixes, compound words, homophones.

Author Study: Roald Dahl (simple view of his life, his picture books and shorter novels)

How you can help - reading, spellings, games with Common exception words to familiarise.

Bedtime Story suggestions: Stories involving creatures from Polar lands, Traditional Tales, Stories by Roald Dahl.

Green Class - Spring Newsletter

After a busy first term the children have settled in well with their new peers.
Excellent effort with phonics and spellings this term everyone.
Keep it up in the New Year.

PE



PE will include: Multi-skills (developing games skills), Gymnastics & Dance.

How you can help - throwing and catching both small and large balls.

It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor and indoor PE kit.

Many of our PE activities are held outdoors so children are encouraged to bring warm clothing (e.g. jogging/tracksuit trousers). Please help your child to remember their kit.

PE is held on... Tuesday and Thursday

Maths



Our learning will cover work on:

Calculation- Year 1 children: number facts to 10 and 20. Adding & subtracting a single number to/ from a 2-digit number using fingers or a number line. The Year 2 children will start with these also and build to work on pairs of multiples of 10 that make 100.

Fractions for the Year 1 children- recognising a $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shape.

Place Value for the Year 2 children - tens and units, partitioning numbers, saying 10 more/ less than any 2-digit number.

How you can help - times tables (10x, 2x, 5x), number facts etc. Using money to combine amounts and give change, telling the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to, 5 minute intervals).

Topic work - topics this term will include:

Snow & Ice (Science- observing the changes in ice and water, how animals are adapted to polar regions, simple food chains). **Three Little Pigs & Billy Goats Gruff** (English- study of Fairy tale language & characters, Science- Properties of materials). **Victorian Children** (History- How were schools different in Victorian times, Science- Properties of materials). **Night** (Science- Nocturnal creatures- adaptations, simple food chains). **Spring** (Science- how are our plants changing? Seasons, animal life cycles)

The children will also have weekly PSHE, Values, Music and will begin to learn some vocabulary from a foreign language.

Trips & Visitors: We hope to do a trip to Buckinghamshire County Museum to link with our work on Victorian Childhood & Roald Dahl. If possible, we will have a visitor to provide more information about nocturnal birds.

Homework

Read their reading book daily at home and discussing the book will support your child's Literacy skills immensely. They will receive weekly spellings, please practise by saying the words out loud so the child can write them down. Your child will also have a weekly maths test. Year 1's test will be based around number facts asking them simple 1 more, 1 less than questions with numbers up to 20, and by seeing if they can fill in the missing number for example 2,3,_, 5. Year 2's will have a times table test weekly, starting with 10's and then 2x and 5 x tables. Your child will have a homework book for weekly Literacy and Numeracy or longer topic based project work.