

Welcome back to the Summer term. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your families! It is lovely to see the children back in school and enthusiastic about the term ahead. Our Summer newsletter will give you an idea about what we will be covering in class and what your children will be learning this term.

Maths

Children will be revisiting basic number skills in preparation for their SATS later this term. They will also be looking at time and money. We will also continue to look at inverse and maths problems to provoke deeper thinking and understanding. The children will be continuing to use Times tables Rockstars which can be accessed at home as a fun learning tool for times tables.



RSE

Within RSE this term, we will be looking at understanding the difference between boys and girls. Including learning the names for different parts of the body. They will learn about their own body and the importance of keeping healthy. In addition to this, they will learn how to keep healthy and the importance of physical health.

In Summer 2, we will look at the importance and value of money as well as how to keep it safe and basic business and how money works.

Computing

This term the children will continue to looking at algorithms, de-bugging and spreadsheets. Within spreadsheets, the children will collate data and create a bar graph. In Summer 2 we will be looking at Information Technology and what this is in the world around us.

We will continue to look at on-line safety and basic computer skills.

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Science

The topic in Summer 1 is Science led. Children will be learning to identify a range of mini-beasts in their habitats, find out about and describe their basic needs for survival. Alongside this, children will develop their investigative skills. Furthermore, we will look at how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals through simple food chain.

Later in the term, we will be looking at plants, what they need to grow and carrying out an investigation to prove this.

English

This term our English work will be linked to our topic 'Wriggle and Crawl'. The children will have the opportunity to write a non-chronological report about minibeast. We will continue to develop our descriptive writing using expanded noun-phrases, varying our sentence starters and using a range of conjunctions.

Spelling, punctuation and handwriting continue to be very important across the whole curriculum.

Reading

Daily reading is even more important now that the children are building their fluency. Please continue to support your child reading at home at least 3 times a week. Please still read to your child as much as possible as this models to them important aspects of reading including expression and use of punctuation. Sharing a book for pleasure is still one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning.

Through VIPERS the children have daily class reading sessions in school to reinforce deeper understanding of a text through questioning.

Your child will continue to be assessed on their ability to spell key words which will be set weekly using the Spelling Shed website.

Music

This term we will use the Charanga music programme to learn about pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will also be singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music.

As part of our topic, we will look at mini-beast themed songs.



Geography

We will be continuing to develop our map skills by drawing and labelling a map of our school grounds. We will be comparing a map of the Galapagos islands to that of Seaton Creek, UK, and comparing the weather in both of these areas and the human and physical features.

PE

We will continue to have Mr Burke leading the Year 2 P.E. curriculum this term. This term the children will be working on athletic skills including running, jumping, throwing and catching.

P.E. kits can continue to be worn to school on our P.E. day which will be **Wednesday**. Please make sure that your child has red shorts, white t-shirt, red school jumper and jogging bottoms if needed. Sensible trainers can be worn as well.



R.E.

In R.E. we will be looking at the religion of Sikhism. Within this we will be looking at The Guru Granth Sahib in which we will be learning about a living guru and Guru Nanak which will be about an extraordinary life.



Art & D.T.

This term, as part of our Minibeasts topic, we will be creating an observational drawing of a mini-beast. We will be looking at the artist Lucy Arnold and creating our own version of her butterfly picture.

Homework

We will continue to give out homework on a weekly basis to support the children's learning in class. **Homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.** The aim of this is to reinforce and maintain the progress your child makes in school each week.

Your child should also continue to practise the following :

- Spellings - tested weekly. Please find these on the Spelling Shed website.
- Times Tables - tested weekly. These can be practised using the Times Tables Rocks Stars website.



We encourage you to support your child to complete homework by the day stated.



MARVELLOUS ME

Look out for updates on what your child has been doing during the week on Marvellous Me too!