



Curriculum Information for Parents Year 1 - Spring Term 2018

Our learning unit is...



Chocolate & Growing Things



Literacy

In Literacy we will use a range of different stimulus as starting points for writing. We will be writing stories based on The Disgusting Sandwich as well as The Chocolate Monster. We will read stories related to the theme of growing things as well as exploring non-fiction texts.

Your child will also take part in reading, sentence and spelling activities during Guided Reading sessions throughout the week.

Phonics and Year 1 spelling rules

Children are grouped according to their current level for their daily phonics. We will learn sounds and how to blend them to make real and nonsense words.

Maths

Our daily Maths lessons this term will be focusing on:

- counting in multiples of twos, and tens
- representing and using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
- adding and subtracting one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero
- solving one-step problems involving multiplication
- recognising, finding and naming a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity
- comparing, describing and solving practical problems involving mass / weight
- telling the time to the hour/ half past the hour
- recognising and naming common 2-D shapes

Science

Materials and Growing Things

The children will learn about the different properties of materials such as wood, plastic, metal and fabric and carry out an investigation to find the best material to make an umbrella. The children will also investigate changing states by melting chocolate as part of our chocolate topic. Later in the term we will be learning about plants and what they need to grow. We will continue to make seasonal observations.

Other Information:

Library Books

Your child will have library time once a week where they will be able to change their book if they wish. Please let us know if they need to change their book at a different time.

Water Bottles

Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Homework

Each week your child should be reading and be evidencing this in their reading diary. They should also be learning their spellings and counting in groups of twos, tens and fives. Every half term children will receive a selection of activities to complete over that half term. The activities are designed for you and your child to work together on. However, some can be completed independently.

Homework is being sent home and is due in on Monday 19th February.

Reading / Spelling

These will continue to be checked in school once a week. It is important the children get the chance to practise at home as well as in school and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- Share books daily with your child. Listen to them read and also read to them, talking about the things you have read.
- Tell the time to the nearest hour/half hour.
- Identify different coins and know their value
- Talk about different materials. Can you group objects?
- Find some songs to help count in twos, tens and fives.
- Discuss different weather types and seasonal changes.

Useful websites:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

See the school website and your child's reading diary for other useful links and websites.

PE

Throwing and Catching skills- aiming games
Gymnastics - Balances
Please check your child has suitable footwear as well as warm outdoor clothing.
Long hair should be tied up.

PE Days

PE days are now Monday and Tuesday.

History/Geography - Chocolate

Children will use a range of resources to learn more about the history of chocolate. We will also explore where chocolate comes from and how it is grown. We will locate hot and cold areas of the world and investigate reasons for differences in temperature. This will include a visit from the Ministry of Chocolate - a chocolate workshop.

RE - Passover/Paschal Candle

Children will learn about stories related to Passover and how it is remembered today. We will also be learning about Christian stories related to Easter and the symbols on the Paschal Candle.

PSHE - Resilience/Going for Goals

This term, we shall be introducing our new learning value, resilience. The children will be setting themselves goals and learning ways to keep trying when they face challenges

Art - Winter Pictures/Colour

Children will be using different materials to create a variety of winter picture scenes. Children will use paints, pastels, chalk, charcoal and marbling inks. Later in the term we will be exploring colour. We will be mixing colours to make different shades and tones and looking at the work of Kandinsky.

ICT

We will explore programming instructions using Beebots and will be writing algorithms in order to make something happen using the programme 'Scratch'.