



Curriculum letter

Year 1

Summer Term 2016

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break! This term, we will be covering all areas of the Key Stage 1 curriculum through exciting and engaging cross curricular activities. Our topics will be;
Summer Term A-Lifecycles, Living and Growing
Summer Term B- Vincent Van Gough

In English, children will have the opportunity to write in a variety of styles including; stories, diaries, poetry, instructions and other non-fiction writing. Children will have opportunities to explore their imagination through reading and writing fantasy stories, alongside some drama and role play. Children will learn to use and understand features of non-fiction texts, and develop comprehension of fiction through a variety of stories.

In Maths, we will be investigating number, shape, space and measures and handling data through a variety of activities. Children will be exploring inverse operations, 2D and 3D shapes, place value and partitioning, money, exploring capacity and different units of measurement, multiplication and division, among other activities.

This term, we will focus on two main science investigations;

Term A-Lifecycles, Living and growing (plants)

Term B - Lifecycles, Living and growing (animals)

Children will plant their own runner bean plants, observing and recording the growth. We will look into lifecycles of plants and different animals,

comparing similarities and differences. Children will go on a minibeast hunt and investigate habitats. They will be learning about France and Holland in geography, using and labelling their own maps of the two countries. We will discover the lives of significant individuals during history, including Vincent Van Gough.

In other areas, children will continue, practice and learn basic computer skills in computing, including coding and using the Bee Bot. They will be using a variety drawing skills in art, including still life sketching and painting. During design and technology they will be designing and making a habitat that is suitable for their chosen animal. In PE, children will develop their ball skills in partnership and small team games. We will also be preparing for sports day with a variety of athletic events and activities. In music, children will explore a variety of different instruments. This term in RE, we will continue to look into Christianity and stories from the Bible including the miracles of Jesus. During PSHE circle time, children will advance their speaking and listening skills, and learn how to care for each others needs, and the environment.

This term, we will continue to send home some homework for English and Maths. As usual, this will be sent out on a Friday, and be collected back on the following Monday. We ask for you to support your child with this work, and for it to be completed, and handed in promptly.

Reading books will continue to be sent home for you and your child to share. Please continue to listen to your child read and discuss the text every day, commenting in the yellow reading record book. Please remember that reading books will only be changed if it is evident the book has been shared at home. Bug Club is also an enjoyable resource for your children to improve their reading at home, so please log on and share these online books to enhance your child's learning. Please remember to answer the questions in order to aid comprehension skills as well as play the games that have been set.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing your child's learning and progress during our last term in Year 1!

Miss Partridge and Mrs Oakley

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