

Spring Term 2020

Year 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year we hope you had an excellent Christmas.

This leaflet contains an overview of what your child will be learning in the Foundation subjects.

Below, we have included what the children will be learning about in English and Maths.

In English we are learning about:

First half term: During this half term we will continue to learn about exciting new fiction texts. We will look at stories written by Jill Murphy and will write our own short stories based on the story structure and language that she uses. The children will continue to focus on using sentences accurately and effectively when writing independently. We will also look at a range of non-fiction texts during guided reading sessions.

Second half term: We will be visiting the Bethnal Green Toy Museum on Thursday 5th March to look at how toys have changed over time. We will also use different word classes to write descriptions of different toys, using the short burst writing strategy. We will also continue to develop our ability to write well-structured stories by learning the story 'Billy the Brave Knight.'

In Maths we are learning about:

First half term: In Maths we will continue to develop our ability to read, write and identify numbers to 100. We will also secure our ability to apply our knowledge of number bonds to solve a variety of challenging questions. Concrete and pictorial methods taught will help the children to gain a greater understanding when solving problems involving money and measure.

Second half term: Alongside the continuous development of previous areas covered, we will be learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past as well as learning repeated addition for multiplication (skip counting by 2's 5's and 10's).

Science: We will be learning about the changes during the winter season, this will include looking at changes to the weather and environmental changes.

ICT: The children will find, organise and use images using internet search engines. We will also learn about the importance of using the internet safely.

Music: We will be looking at the National Anthem of the UK and other countries. We will also look at instruments from around the world.

PE: In P.E. we will be developing our fundamental motor skills.

**In the first half term our Topic is:
Where do I live?**

RE: The children will look at sacred places and learn about what they mean to people of different religions.

Geography: The children will study maps of the UK, Essex and Corringham. We will also study English landmarks as well as those more local to us.

Art: We will look at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and use ideas from their artistic pieces to create artwork using natural resources.

PSHE: The children will be reflecting upon their own experiences and begin to recognise their own strengths and set simple goals.

Science: We will be learning about the changes during the spring season. We will also study different life cycles using scientific vocabulary.

ICT: We will be using the 2 Simple software to create maps.

Music: We will be learning a variety of songs, thinking carefully about rhythm and timing.

**In the second half term our Topic is:
How have toys changed over the years?**

RE: The children will look at sacred places and learn about what they mean to people of different religions.

Geography: We will learn about the human and physical features of Corringham and categorize different features.

PE: In PE we will be developing our ability to work with a partner. During dance we will be using DMS mats to help develop co-ordination skills.

PSHE: The children will be looking at the different emotions that they experienced and learn how to manage their feelings.

DT: We will design and make toys of our own, thinking carefully about their purposes.

History: The children will be looking at how toys have changed over time. We will compare our favourite toys to the toys of other generations.

General Information:

Please ensure your child's uniform and full PE kit are **clearly named**. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for health and safety reasons or the children have tape in school.

PE days for each class are as follows:

Tuesday (Mr. Miller) and Thursday (Class Teacher)

Homework:

- Reading needs to be done daily and recorded in their reading diaries.
- Spellings and any homework set will be issued on Friday and should be handed in by the following Thursday.

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to do their homework and hand in their homework and reading diaries on time.

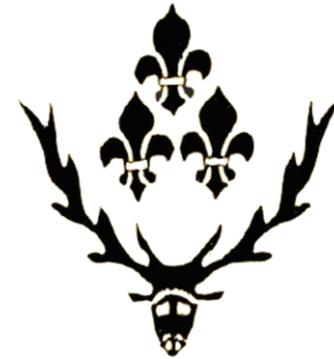
If you would like to discuss any aspect of this booklet or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss McDermott and Mrs McLean

Parent Information



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