

Spring Term 2020

Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas. Here are the Topic overviews for your child for this term.

The topic overviews are designed to incorporate all the National Curriculum objectives from 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:

We will be learning a traditional tale called 'The Magic Porridge Pot' where we will be making and tasting porridge. We will also be looking at non-chronological reports and learning how to write our own.

Second half term:

We will be learning and innovating the repetitive story 'Chicken Licken'. The children will learn the story and then create their own version. We will also be looking at letter writing and will learn how to write a persuasive letter using the appropriate language.

In Maths we are learning about:

First half term:

We will continue to develop the children's ability to solve problems and apply their mathematical knowledge. Children will learn about fractions which will involve finding halves and quarters of given amounts and identifying equivalent fractions. The children will also revisit time reading o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to as well as five minute intervals.

Second half term:

The children will be learning about data handling. This will focus on using different forms of data to answer a range of problems. We will also continue to look at measures. This will involve problems and practical work around, volume and temperature. Children will also identify different 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. .

ICT: We will be carrying out research about the Victorians and creating a power point presentation.

History: We will be learning about The Victorians. We will be visiting the Braintree Victorian Museum on Tuesday 28th January 2020. The children will learn to handle a range of artefacts and experience a Victorian lesson. We will also learn about Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale.

Art: Children will study the features of Victorian portraits before creating a portrait of Queen Victoria.

**In the first half term our Topic is:
Who were the Victorians?**

RE: To understand Judaism as a religion and express their own ideas about celebrations.

PE: In P.E. we will be exploring music and movement through dance and developing our fundamental motor skills.

PSHE: We will be looking at how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Science:
We will be studying different biological focuses such as:
-What all living things need in order to survive.

-The growth and development of animals.

-Lifecycles of different animals as well as human beings.

-How animals use adaptation in order to survive.

D.T: planning and creating a healthy salad. The children will use different cutting techniques to prepare a salad.

Music: We will be learning to play the glockenspiel.

**In the second half term our Topic is:
What do we need to survive?**

PSHE: We will understand how to keep safe.

PE: In P.E. we will be exploring music and movement through dance and developing our fundamental motor skills.

ICT: We will be looking at algorithms using the program Scratch. 'Scratch' is a coding program where the children can create their own characters and games.

Art: The children will study the work of Andy Warhol and experiment using similar techniques when creating their own work about healthy foods. They will explore the 'Pop Art' movement.

General Information:

Please ensure your child's uniform and 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 and Wednesday

Homework:

- Reading - This needs to be done daily and recorded in their reading diaries.
- Times tables - These should be practiced on a regular basis using Times Table Rock Stars.
- English, Maths and spelling homework is given weekly. This is handed out on a **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Children may keep the spellings at home to learn them. There will be a spelling test every **Friday**.
- Homework club takes place on a Monday. If your child needs support with homework please have a quiet word with your child's teacher.

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 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 Wakeham and Mrs Marsh

Parent Information



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