



Summer 1

KS1 Curriculum Newsletter

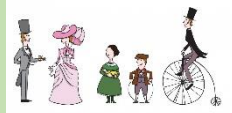


Dear Parents,

Welcome back after Easter. We hope that you have all enjoyed the break, it has been lovely to see all the children back in school and ready for the Summer Term. This half term is a busy one with a school trip to Smithills Hall planned in to link with our Victorians unit and also the King's Coronation. Please find below information about the learning that the children will complete this half term.

History:

In History we will be learning all about The Victorians. We will look at timelines, the life of Queen Victoria, what life was like for children in Victorian times, Victorian homes and Victorian Inventions.



Design Technology:

Inspired by our Victorians topic, we will be creating Punch and Judy Puppets in our Textiles Unit. We will be evaluating existing puppets, learning how to complete a running stitch, designing our own puppets and then creating and evaluating them.



Science:

Our Science topic is all about Plants. We will make observations about different plants, identifying the different parts of a plant and its functions, identifying the names of some common flowers and comparing different flowers. We will also be developing our Science skills of identifying and classifying and fair testing.



PE:

PE days:

Puffins: Monday & Friday
Robins: Tuesday & Friday
Owls: Wednesday & Thursday

RE:

Our Enquiry Question for this half term is 'Who created the world?'

We will be learning about the Christian Creation Story, Christian beliefs and the influence this story has on the way Christians live their lives.



PSHE:

The focus for PSHE this term is on Health and Wellbeing. In this unit we will be learning about physical and mental health. How to stay healthy through food choices, hygiene, sun safety and limiting screen time.

Computing:

We will be completing our Information Technology Unit this half term. In this unit we will learn about what the internet is, how to use search engines, how to conduct safe searches and ways to help us distinguish between real facts and fake news.



Music:

Linking to our Victorians topic, we will be listening to a variety of music created during the Victorian era. This half term allows us opportunities to perform songs as part of a group. We will be learning some Victorian songs such as 'Daisy Bell' and 'I do like to be beside the seaside'



Home Learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn times tables
- Create one example from the half termly project list



Home Reading: Please ensure that your child reads 5 times a week

Reading Challenge

5 x= Green
2/3/4= Yellow
0/1= Red



If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!

Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

Twitter Pages

Each class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are working. Please follow us to keep updated!

Puffins: @GatesPuffin
Robins: @GatesRobins
Owls: @Gates_Owls



Seesaw is an app we use to track your child's learning and progress throughout the year. We will send out additional information on how you can view your children's work as well as how to use this app to share WOW moments from home with us in school.

Attendance

We are continuing to have a big push on our attendance across school, it is crucial for your children that they are in school every day in order to support them in reaching their full potential. We have seen a real improvement but need to continue with this to reach our whole school target of 96%.

%	Term 1 days lost	To Feb Half term	Term 2 days lost
100%	0	0	0
98%	1.5	2	2.5
97%	2	3	3.5
96%	2.5	4	5
95%	3.5	5	6
94%	4	6	7.5
93%	4.5	7	9
92%	5	7.5	10
91%	5.5	8	11
90%	6	9	12.5

Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.

Please can all children bring in an old shirt or t shirt (the bigger the better) that they can wear to protect their uniform during messy activities and Art.

