



Summer 2 KS1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our newsletter for the final half term of the year. This term promises to be a busy one with Aspirations Week, Health and Fitness Week and also lots of exciting new learning for the children. Please find details below of the units that we will teach in the lead up to the Summer break.

History:

We are continuing our 'Victorians' unit this half term in KS1. The main focus of this half term is significant people from the Victorian Era. We will be learning about people like Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Alexander Graham Bell and looking at the impact they had on our lives today.



Art:

We will study Georgia O'Keeffe and will look at her flower artwork in depth. We will draw flowers from observation, begin to use oil pastels and then create their own model flower using modelling clay.



Science:

Another continuing topic this for this half term is 'Plants'. We will be learning about the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, developing our skills in identifying different trees by looking carefully at their leaves and learning about the different parts of plants that we can eat.



PE:

PE days:

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

Please ensure that your child(ren) comes to school on these days dressed ready for PE. They will also need a water bottle in school daily, especially now that the weather is getting warmer.

RE:

We will be completing a 'thematic' unit in RE this half term. Our Enquiry Question is 'How should we care for others and the world?' Children will also be creating a piece of art work to enter into a nationwide 'Spirited Arts Competition'.



PSHE:

Our 'Health and Wellbeing' unit will focus on ways in which we are all unique, about the importance of rules and age restrictions, the different feelings we experience and how best to deal with them and well as recognising the feelings of others.



Computing:

We will be completing a project in Computing this half term. We will be using iMovie to create a short film for our EYFS children that teaches them about some of the significant people that lived during the Victorian Era.



Music:

We will be learning songs about different foods such as Hot Cross Buns and Pat a Cake. We will be learning to sing in time with a group of children. To enhance our performances we will also be developing and adding actions.



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.

