



Spring 1 KS1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term, we hope that you all had a restful two weeks together. We are now into our second half of the Autumn term and have lots more exciting learning planned for your child. This is the work that the children will be covering over the following term in KS1:

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Amazing Africa. First, we will be developing our mapping skills by locating all the continents and oceans using a range of maps. We will then focus on the African continent, learning about the climate and landscape across, about what life is like in comparison to where we live and the different countries that are part of this amazingly diverse continent.

Art:

This term in Art, the children will be researching Kente cloth design. They will be researching and recording what they discover using arrange of dry media such as pencils, pens, crayons and pastels. The children will experiment and test out different methods of press printing and then design their own. Finally, they will create and evaluate their own Kente cloth, using monoprinting and press printing.



Science:

Our Science unit this half term is Everyday Materials. We will learning to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made as well as learning to Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. We will use our classifying skills to sort objects in different ways. Finally, we will develop our investigative skills by testing different materials to find out about their properties.

PE:

This half term our indoor PE lessons will focus on dance and our outdoor PE lessons will focus on sending and receiving using different equipment

PE days:

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

RE:

In RE this half term, our enquiry question is 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?'. This is a continuation of the topic we began in the Autumn term. This half of the unit focuses on the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). We will be learning about his importance to Muslims and about his stories.



PSHE:

Our overarching topic for PSHE this half term is Relationships and 'Living in the Wider World'. The children will learn about that people have different needs, responsibilities and have similarities and differences to others. Children will learn to question online content and the role that the internet plays in everyday life.



Computing:

Our computing this half term focuses on Computer Science. We will be learning all about algorithms. We will also have the opportunity to apply these skills to the Beebots and on the computers.



Music:

In Music, we will be learning a song called 'I Wanna Play in a Band' to perform. We will listen and compare a new piece of music each week. We will express our feelings and ideas about each piece through art, dance and using musical language.



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.



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!

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

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.

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.