



# Spring Term

## Y1/2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a return date! This week, the government announced that all children will be returning to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. As a staff, we cannot tell you how excited we are to have the children back with us. We would like to take a moment to thank you for the support you have provided over this time away from school and to add how proud we are of the children's efforts and the resilience they have shown.

Please find an outline of this half term's learning below:

### Geography:

This half term we are focussing on Geography. We will be learning all about the oceans that we have on Earth. We will be finding out what an ocean is, where the oceans are, how deep the oceans are, why oceans are important, what lives in the ocean and how we can protect our oceans.



### Science:

In Science this half term, we will be looking at plants and how they grow. We will be learning how to plant a bean, learning about plants that grow in the wild, the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, to identify the different parts of trees and plants and understand how a tomato plant changes.

### Art:

We will continue our work on art this half term and focus on printing and patterns. Each week we will focus on a different skill and learn to identify patterns and textures around us, explore different ways of printing, create a repeating/rotating pattern, use stamps to create prints, make a collagraph print and finally, review and present my prints.



### PE: Agility

Puffins – Thursday and Friday  
Robins – Monday and Wednesday  
Owls – Monday and Thursday

*On the days when your child has PE, they should attend school in their PE kit for the entire day, in accordance with our Covid-19 risk assessment. Please ensure your child wears black shorts, white t-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan over the top. In cold weather, children are permitted to wear jogging pants. Children can come to school in their school shoes and change into their PE pumps on arrival to school if they wish or they may wear white or black trainers for the full day.*

### RE:

We continue our topic '**Who is Jewish and how do they live?**' this half term. This is a double unit and will continue from last half term. This half term we will learn the features of a synagogue, why Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah, why Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah and understand how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah.



### PSHE:

Our first lesson in PSHE is a lesson on LGBTQ+. We will read the story 'Part of the Party' and discuss how all our families are different. Our topic for the remainder of the half term is '**Living in the Wider World – Money and Work**' As part of this we will be learning about what money is and the different forms it comes in, that money comes from different sources, that money needs to be looked after and different ways to look after it and that jobs help people earn money to pay for things.



### Computing:

The children will learn all about Computer Science and coding this term. They will explore algorithms by learning to read them and code them. We will practise using some specialist equipment called microbits and beebots which will support the children with this area of their learning.



### Music:

In music this term we will be looking at Timbre. Within this unit we will be exploring different ways to use our voice, bodies and instruments; identify high and low sounds, loud and quiet songs and know the different instrument families in an orchestra.

### Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn times tables
- Complete half termly project work



**Home reading: To go for 'Green' in our school reading challenge each week, children must now read 5 times per week**

We now use books from school and Oxford Owls online as our reading resource at home.

Please ensure that your child reads and their home reading diary is signed by an adult before it is uploaded on Seesaw for Friday. Keep a look out for our 'Reader of the Week' on the blog every Friday alongside our class 'Star of the Week'

### **Reading Challenge**

5 times = Green

4/3/2 times = Yellow

0/1 time = Red

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

### **New Class Twitter Page!**

Please check our new class twitter pages: @GatesPuffins, @GatesRobins, @gates\_owls. We will be posting lots of photographs of what we have been up to at school and any special events. Please follow your child's class and feel free to like posts.

As well as Twitter, please keep up to date with Seesaw as this is often used to send notifications/reminders and will also have photos of your child's learning.

