



Spring 1

Puffins' Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It is lovely to welcome you all back after the Christmas break. We hope that you have had a peaceful Christmas and enjoyed welcoming in the New Year. We are looking forward to starting a new half term which will be full of lots of new learning and exciting new units.

History:

In our History lessons during the Spring term, we will be learning all about Space! This half term we will be placing the First Moon Landing on a timeline and learning about some of the major events in space travel. We will then focus on the First Moon Landing; thinking about what actually happened before, during and after the event, what it might have been like to be on board and about the things they had to do to become an astronaut.



ART:

Our Art outcome this term is to create a painting based on the view from the moon. We will be developing our drawing and painting skills. We will be investigating colour mixing to produce a painting based on Neil Armstrong's photos taken on the moon.



Science:



Our Science unit this half term is Space. We will be learning about the planets in our solar system, a timeline of key space events, famous astronauts and their achievements, why we have day and night, what the different moon phases are and what constellations are.

PE:

This half term we will be focussing on invasion games with a rugby focus.



PE days

Tuesday and Friday
Please ensure your child comes into school in the appropriate PE kit and have a bottle of water in school.

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.



PSHCE:

Our overarching topic for PSHE this half term is Relationships and 'Living in the Wider World'. The children will learn about work that people do and that they get paid for going to work. Children will also learn about what money is, describing the difference between needs and wants and know how to look after money



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 book, water, 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 numbers bonds for numbers to 10.
- Create one example from the half termly project list



Home reading: Please ensure that your child reads 5 times a week and you use the GoRead App to record this.

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.



Our School Twitter page - @GatesPuffin

We have a school twitter page which we update regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are all working. Please give us a follow to keep updated!