



# Summer 1

## Curriculum Newsletter-Puffins



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope that you enjoyed the holiday. We have an exciting term planned. Please take a look below to see what your child will be learning over the coming weeks.

### Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Amazing Africa. First, we will be developing our mapping skills by locating all the 7 continents and 5 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.

### DT (Food):

This term the children will be linking their DT and Geography work to make an African dish that they can sell on Enterprise Day. The children will be exploring where food comes from (plants/ animals), they will be learning new skills when preparing the food and completing the process of designing, planning, making and evaluating their product.

### Science:

In Science this half term, we are looking at plants and how they grow. We will be learning how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We will be investigating how plants grow in different conditions and will be planting seeds and bulbs around school so that they can grow into beautiful flowers.



### PE:

Our PE topic for this half term is Tennis.

#### PE Days

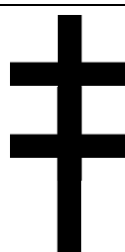
**\*Monday and Friday\***

*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:

In RE this half term, our enquiry question is "What is the 'good news' Jesus brings?" We will first look at where this 'Gospel' section fits into the Christian 'Big Story'. The unit then focuses on the life of Jesus on Earth and the 'good news' he brought to people.



### PSHE:

In PSHE the children will be learning all about families and friendships. They will be exploring feelings, learning how to respect ourselves and others, recognising things in common, celebrating differences, playing and working cooperatively and sharing opinions. Books such as River, Ruby's Worries and The Colour Monster will be used to provoke discussions and ideas throughout the topic.



**Computing:** Computing this half term focuses on Information Technology. We will be learning how to use search engines through desktop computers and through iPads. We will practise gathering research to input into a fact file. We will also discuss how to conduct a safe search on the computer and how to distinguish between real facts and "fake news".

**Music:** In Music, the children will be exploring, creating and performing a Friendship song from Charanga. The children will be listening with concentration to a range of high quality live and recorded music and to internalise and recall sounds with increasing aural memory. The children will be exploring how music is used for particular purposes (for example, for dance, as a lullaby).



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 doubles of numbers to 10.
- Complete half termly project work



**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!