



Autumn 1

KS1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over Summer - it is great to see the children after such a long time! They have been wonderful in school and we are really proud of how quickly they have settled in.

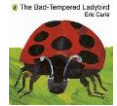
Topic:

This half term our focus is Geography. We will be learning about the United Kingdom and the human and physical features which can be found within England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We will be exploring the capital cities, their famous landmarks and natural features. We will be comparing the Geography of these cities to those of Brasilia.



Art:

Our Art topic this half term is Collage. We will be creating collage in the style of Eric Carle, the author and illustrator of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Linking to our Science topic, we will be hunting for habitats within the school grounds to sketch, then bring to life using our new skills



Science:

Our topic in Science this term is; living things and their habitats. Within this topic, we will learn the characteristics of a living thing. We will explore what a good habitat looks like and how different animals are suited to different habitats. We will enjoy lots of outdoor learning by exploring our school as a habitat and identify ways that we can improve our school grounds to entice more wildlife. Finally, we will discuss what a food chain is and how it is made up of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. The children will work scientifically by applying skills such as discussion, reasoning, sorting and recording data.



PE: We are learning all running, dodging and range of activities and skills in team game



about balancing, jumping through a applying our new situations.

RE: We are learning all about belonging in RE this half term. We will be looking at different groups that we belong to and the different ways we show that we belong to them. We will also be looking at how different people believe they belong to different gods and learning all about Christian Baptisms, Islamic Birth Ceremonies and Christian Weddings.



PSHCE:

This half term we will be focussing on Physical Health and Well-Being. We will be thinking about different emotions and feelings and learning appropriate ways to deal with them. We will also be learning about what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. This includes looking at the importance of sleep, how medicines help us and ways to keep our body and mind healthy.



- Owls** – Monday and Tuesday
- Puffins** – Thursday and Friday
- Robins** – Thursday 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.

Computing:

In Computing we are focusing on Digital Citizenship. We will be discussing how to communicate with people in a kind and considerate way; what information we should and shouldn't share online and how we can keep ourselves safe online.



Music:

This half term we will be looking at how music can be linked to movement and how rhythms are made. We will also look at vocabulary such as pulse, beat, pitch and rhythm.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, PE kit, 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: To go for 'Green' in our school reading challenge each week, children must now read 5 times per week

A reading book will be sent home with your child every Monday. They will then keep this book at home for the rest of the week before returning it on a Friday. Children with longer chapter books will return it when they have read it. Read books will be put in the box by the classroom door and stay there till the following Monday.

Please ensure that your child reads and their home reading diary is signed by an adult before it is uploaded on Seesaw for Friday. Further information will be sent home regarding home reading.

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!

Your child will also be able to bring home a book from the 100 book challenge list and they can also read from this and record this in their reading record too. *If you have any 100 book challenge books at home from last year, please return these to school as soon as possible.* This list will also be sent home with your child's reading record.

Our School Blog

Please check our school blog regularly. There are lots of photographs of what we have been up to in school and of special events. If you have a problem logging in, please let one of the KS1 team know and we can resolve the problem as soon as we can. It would be great to see some comments being added to the blogs as this is something the children enjoy reading and gives them further pride in their accomplishments.