

Summer Term Class Newsletter

Ms Smith and Miss Fairhurst's class

A note from Ms Smith and Miss Fairhurst

Hello everyone! We can't believe it is the summer term already. The children have worked so incredibly hard so far this year. Thank you all for your continued support, we are looking forward to a productive and exciting final term! There are many things to look forward to and we will continue to share them with you on dojo!

English

This term, we will be studying 'The journey home' by Fran Preston-Gannon.

The children will explore endangered animals and create a fact file to present their findings. Also focusing on creating a persuasive letter to help protect the animals. We will also write a postcard, a wanted poster and create a short story.

We are reading...

This term in class we will be reading a variety of picture books linking to our 'animals' topic.

Maths

In maths, we will be starting the summer term focusing on number: making equal groups/arrays. Moving onto fractions where children will explore half and quarters of shapes and numbers. We will then focus on position and direction, followed by numbers within 100: partitioning numbers, comparing and ordering numbers. Next, children will count money and find totals. Finally, we will focus on time (o' clock/half past) to finish the term.

Note for parents:

All children have a username and password to access NUMBOTS at home – please check class dojo messages in September 2021 for your child's personal log-in!

Science

'Who belongs to which habitat?'

This term in science, children will be focused on living things and their habitats – including plants. Children will name a variety of common wild plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Also, children will describe how plants need water, light and suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. They will name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.

Children will describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, introducing the idea of a simple food chain.

Geography

In our geography this term, year 1 will explore the concept of biomes and natural regions. The children will understand the importance of location in relation to the Equator and poles in determining weather and climate. Pupils will understand the distribution of hot and cold places in the world and how living things have to adapt to survive in such places - the more extreme the environment, the more specialised the adaptation. Pupils will then identify similarities and differences between places in the world. Children will be introduced to the fundamental geographical concepts of place, space, location, distribution, scale and environmental interaction.

History

Children will explore the first flight of an engine-powered focused on the two brothers, Wilbur, and Orville Wright. Children will learn about how the Wright brothers built on the discoveries of many others and the aeroplane has continued to develop ever since. We will learn how the aeroplane has brought people closer together to live, work and trade and is a part of everyday life for millions of people across the world. Children will also explore stories of attempts to fly throughout history.

Other curriculum information:

- **Skills Builder:** We will be focusing on improving our problem solving and creativity skills in the first part of our summer term. In the second part of the term, we will look to improve our leadership and team work skills.
- **Art/DT:** This term we will be focusing on drawing and sculpture in art and in DT we will exploring how to construct a windmill. We will design and build our own windmills then test and evaluate our structure.
- **RE:** In Religious Education, we will be focusing on 'Why do Christians love to tell stories?' for the first half of the term. Following on from this we will be focusing on 'What does it mean to be part of a Jewish family?'
- **Computing:** This term we will be focusing on storyboarding and simple animation creation using either tablet devices or devices with cameras. Also focusing on data handling during the second part of the summer term.
- **PSHE:** This term within PSHE, we will be focusing on 'Living in the Wider World – Financial education'.
- **PE:** In the summer term we will be focusing on athletics and striking and fielding. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kits every **Friday**.
- **Music:** Our music lessons this term we will be focusing on 'Hey You!' by Joanna Mangona - an Old-School Hip Hop tune written for children.

Other information:

Homework and spellings

Children should try to complete the optional homework. Activities set will be linked to work taught in class! Spellings will be given out fortnightly on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Home Reading

Please make sure you listen to your child read at least three times per week. Reading records will be monitored and reading books will be changed on **Friday**.

Books will also be allocated on Bug Club – check Class Dojo messages in October 2021 for your child's personal log-in!

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The website has full information about the school's curriculum, class information, school information and copies of previous letters sent out. Messages will be sent home using Class Dojo so please ask your child's teacher for information on how to join up if you haven't already.