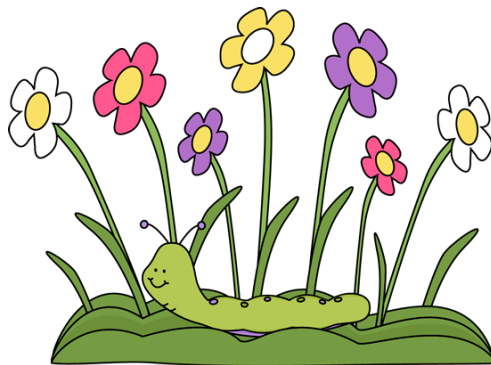




THE BRITISH SCHOOL
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Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2020



Year 1

English

Non-fiction writing

This half term we will focus on Non-fiction writing and will base this around our topic about our local area and animals in science. We will discuss and write information texts and fact files. As part of this we will look at using subheadings and writing in the third person.

Story retelling

Next half term we will extend upon the writing from autumn with story retelling. As part of this the focus will still be on correct sentence construction (full stops, capital letters, and finger spaces) but will also extend to using a greater variety of conjunctions to add detail. Pupils will also be encouraged to start sentences in a variety of ways, for example using time openers to sequence sentences and write short narratives.

Maths

In Maths we will build on the work done in term one.

This will include further work on place value, working on reading and writing numbers up to 50, counting both forwards and backwards. As part of this we will use a variety of different resources that include number lines and a hundred square.

We will also continue with work on addition and subtraction and ensure that children can read, write and solve number sentences, using symbols correctly. From here we will progress onto basic multiplication and division. Counting in 2's and 5's will be included in this.

Non-number related objectives will include measures such as height and weight and the associated vocabulary.

We will also give you activities and games that can be done with the children at home through Mymaths as well as activities to share on Tapestry.

Science

Our science topic will run alongside geography as we start by looking at the winter season and how the weather changes. This will be followed by learning about plants; identifying common plants around us; labelling and describing parts of a plant.

Following from this we will look at animals with a focus on parent/child and how animals grow. As well as sorting and classifying animals using terms such as herbivore, omnivore and carnivore.

Topic

This term our main topic will be called "**Our local area**". During the term we will look at maps, pictures and street plans of the local area, go on local walks and visits as well as talking about how our area has changed over the years.

We will also compare and contrast how the winter and spring seasons differ around the world.

Creative

Creative arts will revolve around our topics of winter season and new beginnings for Spring. As part of this we will complete collages, paintings and drawings of different things associated with each season.

We will also create 3d models and sculptures of the local area using a wide range of resources and construction techniques.

Music

In music, we will begin to use the Music Express programme, focusing on music and movement from around the world. Children will discover the types of instruments used in different places and explore the varied sounds. We will begin to use vocabulary related to music such as Pitch, beat and rhythm.

PHSE

This Spring we will be learning, with Jigsaw Jack, two more parts of our PSHCE puzzle: 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy me'. As part of 'Dreams and Goals', we will learn how to tackle new challenges; identify obstacles and overcome them and explain how we feel about doing this. In 'Healthy me', we will learn how to make healthy choices; how to be safe crossing the road and learn which medicines can help us when we are sick.

French

In French we will be learning about :

- The class objects vocabulary
- The places
- Transports
- The parts of the body
- The spring

Computing

Year 1 will be learning how to log on and off computers independently. We will do some basic word processing and learn to save our work. There will be a focus on e-safety throughout the year. We will also learn about how electronic equipment works with basic computing activities.

P.E

In PE pupils will be focusing on throwing and catching skills. They will look at different ways of throwing the ball accurately, over different distances and how to adopt a good ready position. They will also look at how to stop a ball and the different types of catch you can use when the ball is arriving at different heights.

Arabic

This term, students will continue learning the Arabic alphabet according to the book order through some exercises and activities.

They will learn some grammatical rules (المد بالألف و (الياء و الواو).

Websites to support learning

www.bbc.co.uk/schools

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/fun-and-games>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

<https://code.org/learn>

Mymaths- inc examples of how to help your child at home.

Information for parents

P.E. will be taught on Sunday and Thursday, please make sure your child has their PE kit on these days.

French will be taught on a Sunday and Wednesday with Miss Nelly.

Creative will be taught on a Monday with Miss Nelly.

Library books will be changed on a Wednesday when they return their previous book.

Please check homework on MyMaths for Maths activities and ways to help your child.

Reading diaries should be checked daily and signed. Reading books are changed on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

There will also be updates on the Google classroom regularly including tasks you can do at home linked to the work your child is doing in class.

Don't forget to check Tapestry and complete activities from the Tapestry sheet sent termly.

If you have any concerns please contact me by email, in the diary or by contacting the school administrator.

Please ensure that your child has enough sleep each night and comes to school with a healthy lunch box. 😊