



Spring Term 2 2023 NEWSLETTER (February '23)



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new Term. In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via Classdojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

As you are aware, our school values are Respect, Community and Resilience. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Miss Carter, Mrs Pitcher

Term 4 Learning

Summary

Our curriculum content is underpinned by the Essential Curriculum model by Chris Quigley. The children are immersed in a curriculum that is coherent, progressive and appropriately sequenced to enable the development of subject-specific knowledge and skills to prepare them for the next stages of their education.

English: Throughout this term we will be continuing to focus on independent sentence writing and moving onto forming short narratives. We will be exploring many more traditional stories to inspire our writing. This term we will be reading: The Wolf's Story: What really happened to Little Red Riding Hood? This story lends itself to many exciting writing opportunities. The children enjoy exploring the characters and second-guessing this funny, fractured fairy tale that replays the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the poor wolf's point of view. As part of our SPAG lessons, we will be learning about co-ordinating conjunctions, joining our sentences, using 'and'. We will also be continuing to revise plural noun suffixes and suffixes with no change to the root word, -ed, -ing and -er.

Phonics: In our Phonics lessons this term we will be continuing to learn alternative sounds. Please be sure to practice reading of the tricky words. You may use these words to aid handwriting practice too.

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	Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	/ur/ or word /oo/ u oul awful would /air/ are share /or/ au aur oor al author dinosaur floor walk	once laugh
Week 2	/ch/ tch match /ch/ ture adventure /ar/ al half* /ar/ a father*	because eye
Week 3	/or/ a water Schwa in longer words: different /o/ a want /air/ ear ere bear there	
Week 4	/ur/ ear learn /r/ wr wrist /s/ st sc whistle science Schwa at the end of words: actor	
Week 5	/c/ ch school /sh/ ch chef /z/ /s/ ce se ze freeze	

Maths: Our topics this term are place value, within 50, length and height as well as mass and volume. We will be continuing to use our number bond knowledge to support us when adding and subtracting. When looking at place value we will be investigating the number line to 50, grouping tens and ones, estimating numbers on the number line, comparing and ordering numbers to 50.

Science: This term our focus will be chemistry where we will be naming different materials and their properties, grouping materials by their properties and investigating how solid objects can be changed.

R.E: Our topic this term is Salvation. Our big question is: Why does Easter matter to Christians? We will be learning about the stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and how they link to the idea of salvation. We will also be exploring the ways Christians show their beliefs about Jesus through worship at Easter time and thinking about forgiveness.

History: This term we will be continuing to look at the plague and we will also start to explore the Great Fire of London, creating a timeline of key events and investigating Samuel Pepys's diary. We also have our exciting history based school trip to The Tower of London to look forward to in term 4!

Geography: We will be finishing our topic of capitals of the UK and then we will be starting our topic of climate and weather throughout this topic we will be investigating, comparing and contrasting different climates.

Music: This term our topic is 'Round and Round'. Round and Round is a Latin based piece of music by Joanna Mangona. We will be continuing to learn about the three elements of music, rhythm, pitch and pulse.

Art and DT: This term we will be looking at the artist Henri Rosseau and will be exploring using different materials and techniques to make in the jungle pictures.

PSHE: This term we will be studying the topic, Healthy Me. We will be learning how to make healthy lifestyle choices, understanding the importance of being active and eating a balanced diet. We will also be learning about road safety.

P.E: This term we are lucky to have Mrs Hunt teaching us dance again!

Help your child with their learning

Reading: In order to become a confident reader, it is important that your child has plenty of practice reading at home. Children should be reading every day. The practice books are the correct level for your child. This will enable them to develop fluency without significant help. There will be two opportunities for your child to have their book changed - on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. Please ensure your child's practice book and reading record is brought into school each day.

After your child has read the book, it is valuable to talk about the book. Please discuss the illustrations and characters in the story. Inside the front cover of the book you will find many helpful tips and hints on questions to ask your child.

Writing: Please encourage your child to write, imaginatively, at home. This can be little and often. At this point in the year the children are becoming more confident at writing. However, we need to now be extending their ideas and checking their sentences make sense. In class we are attempting to write our own stories. Please encourage 'make believe story-telling' and then recording their ideas on paper!

Additional information:

Please do feel free to come and see us after school or make an appointment with the school office if you have any queries. You are also welcome to send us a message via Class Dojo and we will respond to you as soon as we are able to. Please note that Miss Carter is in class Monday to Thursday and Mrs. Pitcher teaches on a Friday. Please direct Class Dojo messages to the correct person on these days otherwise your message may not be received/acted upon. Thank you for your continued support.

Key dates/information

28th February - KS1 movie night (FOSS event)

1st March - Year 1 School Trip to The Tower of London

2nd March - World Book Day