

Caterpillars Spring Newsletter

Here is what we have already started, and our plans for the rest of the spring term!

Maths

We will be focussing on place value to 20 before extending what we have learned to place value within 50. We will again be looking at addition and subtraction, applying the skills learned last term with numbers to 10 to numbers within 20. We will be continuing to have maths mastery short lessons alongside our formal maths lessons 3 times a week. Our focus times table this term is the 2's. We continually count up and back in 2's, and I am also asking them to link to the table – I have put a link on seesaw of the song that we are using to practise.

English

Our focus book for this half term will be Paddington which we will link with our geography topic (see below). In phonics we will continue to learn our phase 5 sounds through 4 phonic lessons a week. Spellings will continue in the current format, focusing on suffixes alongside tricky words. The homework sheets at the end of each half term have been a great success so we will continue with these – thank you for your support with these.

I will be continuing guided reading groups over the next few weeks so that children can listen to and support each other with their reading. We will continue to endeavour to listen to every child read at least once a fortnight.

Please try and listen to your child read every day, and record in their reading log. *It is a school expectation that children read at home to support their learning in school.* I have been so impressed by the improvements of many in the class, but this can only be achieved with your help. Those making the greatest improvements are reading regularly at home. As always, if you need support with this then please ask.

Topic

(History/Geography)

In Geography we will be looking at London this half term; the landmarks and geographical features of the area.

After half term we will learning about the history of toys and looking at some of the toys from years gone by! If you have any toys from bygone years I am happy for the children to bring in and show – pictures are great but there is nothing like the real thing!

Dt and Art

In DT we have started with understanding different materials, with our key question 'can you build with bread?!' After half term we will be completing a food and nutrition unit investigating how food affects our senses.

I will be asking for a £2 contribution towards the cost of food for this unit, I will message nearer the time with details

In Art we will start with learning about printmaking, and after half term we will be working with textiles and getting creative!

P.E.

This term we are lucky to have Mr Nash, our PE apprentice teaching one of our PE lessons from the REAL PE curriculum. The other lesson is dance, where we will be listening to different genres of music, understanding how our bodies move to different styles of music and learning how to put shapes and movements together to create simple dance routines! I will let you know our plans for after half term nearer the time.

PSHE/Well being

Each week we have a focused well-being activity as well as regular PSHE lessons. This half term we will be looking at how to keep our bodies healthy and those people that help us with this. After half term we will be thinking about what it is like to live in the wider world, in particular where our money comes from, the choices society needs to make around money (needs and wants) and how we keep our money safe.

Children's mental health week is 3rd-9th February this year, with the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. In that week we will have focussed activities around this theme.

RE/Music

Mrs Phillips will continue to teach these subjects on a Tuesday morning.

In music the children will be following the model music curriculum on charanga, exploring sounds and learning to listen to the music.

In RE the class will be learning about Judaism; stories from the Torah and how these are used to teach Jews about kindness and being part of a supportive community and the parallels to how we as a class/ family/ school behave towards each other.

Computing

We will be grouping data and learning how computers use these techniques when we use search engines. We will also be using the ipads once a week to practise our 2 and 10 times tables through games.

Science

This half term we will studying materials, to link with our DT topic and thinking about how different materials are used. After half term our topic will be plants as we move into spring and the time of new growth.

Buddy Trip

We have booked a buddy trip along with Year 5 to visit Bristol Zoo Project on Tuesday 1st April. It has been something I have wanted to do for a while..... .we read with our buddies and do a daily mile together on a Tuesday but this will be a great way for them to enjoy a day out together and further cement their special relationship!

More details to follow soon!!

Here's to a fantastic and exciting Spring Term !!!!!

Thank you for your support

Mrs Morgan and the team!