

Curriculum Newsletter



The aim of our curriculum overview is to share;
 What will we be learning in school
 How can we support our learning at home



English

In English this half term, the children will be writing letters about a trip to the beach. They will also be writing an acrostic poem about summer and the seaside.

The children will also be writing instructions on 'How to build a sandcastle'. They will learn to use imperative verbs, make a bullet point list and will write command sentences.

Topic - A trip to the seaside

The Year 1 topic this half term is 'A Trip to the Seaside' where we will explore the changes in history of our seaside.

In Geography, we will look at the human and physical features of a seaside and will name and identify the oceans and seas surrounding the UK.

In History, we will identify how the seaside has changed over time. We will compare images of our local seaside from the present to past images and will talk about how the area has changed. We will look at how the entertainment and what people wear has changed over time.

In Art, the children will use a range of techniques such as printing and collage to create different seaside imagery. In D&T the children will design and create a bathing machine using wood.

In Computing, the children will create an algorithm to direct a Bee Bot around a map and will troubleshoot and debug to correct any mistakes.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term, the children will explore numbers to 100. Children will count forwards and backwards to 100 starting from any number. Children will find one more and one less using numbers to 100. We will begin to explore fractions (halves and quarters) and will look at how 2 halves make a whole. Children will learn about position and direction with a focus on full turns, quarter turn and half turns. This will be linked to learning in ICT using the BeeBot to explore this further.

Learning at Home

Children will be sent home a spelling and maths task every Friday to be completed at home. This is to be returned on a Wednesday.

Reading is one of the most important skills a child can learn and we encourage reading to happen nightly. Children are able to change their books daily and visit the Library every Friday to take a book home to be read with an adult.

Children will also be sent short learning videos of the phonics sounds they have learnt that week on Class Dojo to further practise at home. There are a range of online learning platforms for children such as Oxford Owl, Number Bots and Purple Mash.



In school, we continue to encourage the children to read and enjoy books at every opportunity. In English, we always start with a high quality text and try wherever possible to use a book as a stimulus in other subject areas. Throughout the day, children are given the opportunity to read for pleasure, read with an adult in a group and read independently to complete a task. Where possible individual children are targeted for additional support and read 1:1 with an adult. We appreciate the work you are doing in encouraging your child to read at home. Some children say they are reading morning and night! Books are changed every Wednesday. On a Friday children will go to the local library to choose a reading for pleasure book.

Physical Education

P.E is every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. This term we are looking at bat and ball games. Children are expected to wear:

- dark shorts/joggers
- white t-shirt
- trainers
- sports jacket (if cold)

