

KS1 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1

Monday 6th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

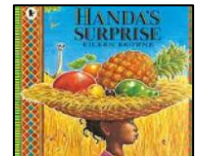
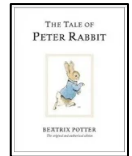
Our topic for Spring Term is '[All Creatures Great and Small](#)'. A large focus will be learning about animals, habitats and the world. We will use stories, non-fiction texts and research to learn facts about real animals.

English

Year 1: We will continue to learn elements of English through our Read, Write Inc. scheme. The children will be using their phonic knowledge to make careful spelling choices. They will be beginning to develop their reading comprehension by answering questions about the text. They'll be learning to compose sentences with clear finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.

Year 2: We will be using the key text 'A Tale of Peter Rabbit' to start off our English learning this half-term. We will be learning unfamiliar vocabulary, using clues to make predictions and delving into our imaginations. We will be learning how to write an interesting character description, using expanded noun phrases and exclamations. We will also be learning how to use possessive apostrophes and different conjunctions (and, but, because).

Whole Class English: We will be using the text 'Handa's Surprise' as inspiration for our whole class English learning this half-term. We will look at interesting adjectives and vocabulary. We will also look at the features of a book review, leading to the children writing their own simple book review of the text.



Maths

Year 1: In Maths, we will be focusing on place value to 20 and addition and subtraction to 20. We will be learning about the 'teen' numbers and how we use tens and ones to understand the value of a two-digit number. We will be using a number line to show our understanding of numbers to 20 and greater than and less than. We will be making links to numbers to 10 when finding number bonds to 20, doubles and different addition and subtraction facts within 20.

Year 2: In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be learning to group and count in multiples to find a total. We will learn how to share equally to divide. Children will be exposed to the symbols: \times and \div . They will use their knowledge of counting in multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3 so this is a skill they can continue to practise at home. We will then be learning to recognise different coins and amounts of money. We will use what we have learnt with adding and subtracting in the context of money to 'find the difference' and 'find the change'.

Science

Our focus in Science will be 'Animals and their Habitats'. We will be classifying animals depending on what they look like and what they eat. We will then learn about a variety of habitats and micro-habitats and understand that animals are suited to certain habitats depending on their needs.



Art

In Art we will be learning about the artist 'Deborah Shapiro' and how she uses magazines and paper to create collage images. We will use what we learn to create our own collage of an animal, thinking carefully about the way in which we use shape, colour and textures to create a desired effect.

PE

We will have an outside provider teaching the children skills in tag rugby, including how to pass the ball safely. They will learn how to perform a sequence of movements, including travelling, balancing and rolling. Our PE coach, Mr Bourne, will be teaching gymnastics. The children will learn to move, balance, roll and jump to create a sequence of movements.

Music

In music, we will be learning how to play a tuned instrument called the ocarina. The children will learn how to hold the instrument correctly and play notes. They will learn to sequence notes of different lengths to create simple songs.

Design and Technology

We will be developing our understanding that food comes from different places (origins). We will learn what 'Five a Day' means and which food groups are on the 'Eat Well Plate'. This will form a sound understanding for when we create our own healthy snack during the next half-term.



PSHE

Our PSHE learning will focus on friendships. We will explore what qualities make a good friend and think about strategies to resolve arguments.

R.E

Our R.E focus this half-term is based on the religion of Judaism. We will learn about a festival Jewish people celebrate, called Passover. We will learn about a special meal called 'Seder' and how the foods in the meal represent different parts of the story of Exodus.

We will also be carrying out activities to learn about how 'Chinese New Year' is celebrated and what traditions take place during this celebration.

Computing

A large focus of our computing curriculum this half-term will be based on Internet safety. We will continue to teach children how to keep safe when online. They will respond to different scenarios to show their understanding and create an online safety poster. We will teach children about the range of different devices that can access the Internet and discuss the importance of keeping our personal information safe.

Geography

In geography, we will be learning to name and locate the 7 continents on a world map. We will be locating the equator on a world map and develop our understanding of how it affects the climate and weather of different areas of the world.



Camp Reminders (Year 2 only):

A reminder of the key dates for our camp residential:

Date	Action
Thursday 16 th January 2025 (either 2:30pm or 4:30pm)	Camp Meeting (compulsory)
Friday 7 th February 2025	Deposit (£20), consent slip and medical form.
Friday 6 th June 2025	Remaining balance (£35).
Friday 18 th July until Saturday 19 th July (pick up from school approx. 10am).	School Camp at Perlethorpe

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with the children's learning and events we have in school. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child at home and encouraging them to complete their homework.

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team

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