Year 1 - Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Class teacher: Miss Hillon STA: Mrs Gibson

Reading

Whole class books – Funny bones by Allan Ahlberg & Janet Ahlberg
Zog by Julia Donaldson

Poetry: Out and About Poems by Shirley Hughes.

Reading for pleasure class book- Winnie the Pooh.

Your child will receive a new Little Wandle reading book every Monday, ready to begin our group reading sessions. Please try to read with your child most nights at home to give them extra practice for fluency.
In class, we will be reading on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Phonics takes place every day and this term the children will learn lots of new Phase 5 sounds.

Writing

This half term our writing will be linked to our whole class books: 'Funny bones', 'Zog' and 'Out and About poems'. The children will be writing:

- Story retells
- Character descriptions
- Setting descriptions
- Instructions
- Poetry
- Recounts
- Invitations
- Menus
- Letters.

We will also be working hard to improve our use of capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces and other punctuation.

The children will also continue to have daily phonics sessions these will be twice daily.

Maths

This half term we will be building on prior maths knowledge learnt last term and applying those skills, as well as learning new mathematical skills.
We will also be focusing on:
Addition and subtraction (within 10):

- Parts and Wholes
- Part – whole model
- Writing number sentences
- Fact families – addition facts
- Number bonds within 10
- Number bonds to 10
- Addition – add together
- Addition – add more
- Addition problems
- Find a part
- Subtraction – find a part
- Fact families
- Subtraction

Geometry

- Recognise and name 3D shapes
- Sort 3-D shapes
- Recognise and name 2D shapes
- Patterns with 2D and 3D shapes

The children will also be learning how to apply the skills they have learnt to problem solving and applying problems.

PE

This half term the children will be focusing on Gymnastics and Ballskills.
PE is every Monday and Wednesday.

Children will need PE kits both days which consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Grey jumper
- Black shorts or joggers
- Trainers

Science

This term we will be learning about 'seasonal changes' where the children will explore:

- What happens when summer changes to Autumn?
- What happens to the trees in Autumn?
- What happens to the weather during Autumn?
- What happens to the length of day during Autumn?

Geography

This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'What is the weather like in the United Kingdom'. We will be building on our previous topic of our local area and develop our understanding of our country.
We will also:

- Identify the four seasons.
- Describe some seasonal changes.
- Identify the four compass directions.
- Use the compass directions to describe the location of features.
- Observe and describe daily weather patterns.
- Begin to locate the four capital cities of the UK.
- Explain what the weather is like during each season in the UK.
- Suggest appropriate clothing and activities for each season.

ICT/Computing

In computing we will be focusing on using computers more purposefully, log in and navigate around a computer, drag, drop, click and control a cursor using a mouse and use software tools to create art on the computer.

Design & Technology

This half term we will focus on Design & Technology. We will be looking at cooking and nutrition so our topic is all about 'Fruit and Vegetables'.
The children will:

- Describe fruits and vegetables and explain how to identify fruits.
- Name a range of places that fruits and vegetables grow.
- Describe basic characteristics of fruit and vegetables.
- Prepare fruits and vegetables to make a smoothie.

Music

This half term we will be following a scheme of work called Kapow music. We will be looking at the topic: 'Tempo'. They will be exploring:

- Using their voices and bodies expressively
- Using a fast and slow beat on instruments
- Using their voices to perform a song with a fast and slow beat.
- Using singing voices and an instrument to perform a song with a fast and slow beat.
- Demonstrating fast and slow beats within the context of a story.

Homework

Please try and read at home with your child, reading the same book more than once.
Children will also receive a book for pleasure each Friday and this is for grown-ups to read to their child for enjoyment. These books need to be returned at the end of the following week so that they can be swapped for a new one.

If you would like to follow up on our learning at home, you could:

Look at maps of the UK and explore the four countries and their capital cities.
Chat with your children about the seasons and any significant events that take place with certain seasons.
Talk with your children about fruit and vegetables.

Dates for your diary:

*Mon 15th Dec: KS1 Christmas Nativity at 10am
*Tues 16th Dec: KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm
*Wed 17th Dec: Christmas Lunch
*Thurs 18th Dec: Christmas party day
*Fri 19th Dec: Christmas jumper day