Year 1 Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Class teacher: Miss Hillon **Senior Teaching Assistant**: Mrs Gibson **Teaching Assistant**: Miss Beattie



Reading

Fiction book – for writing: We're going on a bear hunt.
The Tunnel.

Non-fiction book – Light and Dark.
Bears.

Reading for pleasure class book- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

*Little Wandle Reading Books:
The children read the same book three times in a week. The first time we work on decoding (sounding out) the words, the second time we work on prosody which is reading with expression – making the book sound more interesting with our storyteller voice. The third time we look at comprehension. We read the books three times at school because we want to develop the fluency. The more that children see words, the more they begin to read them automatically without having to sound them out.
Please read as much as you can at home with them too.

Writing
This half term our writing will be closely linked to our fiction books and then basing our writing around them.

The children will be writing:

- Story retells
- Character descriptions
- Setting descriptions
- Alternative endings
- Poetry
- Letter writing

We will also be working hard to improve our use of capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, connectives and suffixes.

The children will also continue to have daily phonics sessions.

Maths
This half term we will be building on prior maths knowledge learnt last term and applying those skills.
We will also be focusing on:

Multiplication and Division:
Counting in 2s
Counting in 10s
Counting in 5s
Recognise equal groups
Add equal groups
Make arrays
Make doubles
Make equal groups - grouping
Make equal groups - sharing
Fractions: Position and Direction:
Recognise a half of an object or a shape
Find a half of an object or a shape
Recognise a half of a quantity
Find a half of a quantity
Recognise a quarter of an object or a shape
Find a quarter of an object or a shape
Recognise a quarter of a quantity

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 Rugby and Athletics.

PE is every Monday and Wednesday
Children will need PE kits both days which consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Grey sweatshirt
- Black shorts/joggers
- Trainers

PSHE/RSE
*Three in One (The Holy Trinity)
*Who is My Neighbour (The Good Samaritan)
*The Communities that we Live in.

ART
Sculptural project – 3D Paper Play. Children will:
*Roll paper tubes and attach them to a base securely.
*Make choices about their sculpture, e.g. how they arrange the tubes on the base or the colours they place next to each other.
*Shape paper strips in a variety of ways to make 3D drawings.
*Create a tree of life sculpture that includes several different techniques for shaping paper.
*Considered how to add detail by adding pattern or decoration to their paper shapes.
*Explore different tools to paint a sculpture for good coverage and to create a metal surface effect.

Science
In science we will be learning about plants.

The children will find out what a plant is and learn to identify a wide range of plants, including wild and garden plants. They will learn to identify the parts of plants. They will learn about deciduous trees and evergreen trees, sorting seeds and about which plant parts can be eaten.

Homework
Please listen to your child read at home, reading the same book more than once to gain fluency and comprehension.

Please also read books for pleasure to your child, to enhance their vocabulary and their love and enjoyment of stories.

History
This term we will be learning about explorers.

- Christopher Columbus
- Matthew Henson – Arctic explorer
- Ellen MacArthur – sailed around the world alone
- Mary Kingsley – explored West African countries

ICT/Computing
This half term we will be focusing on programming/coding.

- Instructions
- Using code to make a computer program
- Understand what objects and actions are
- Understand what an event is
- Use an event to control an object
- Begin to understand how code executes when a program is run.
- Understand what background objects are
- Plan a computer program
- Make a computer program.

Music
This half term we will be following a scheme of work called Kapow music and our theme will be 'Under the sea'. The children will be learning about musical symbols and explore tempo changes through movement.

Other events:

*Parents meetings will be on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April.
*Look out for a letter about a visit to St Peter's Church, Kells, where we will find out more about other faiths.