



Curriculum Overview for Year

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First half of autumn term
2018



Foxes Class

Class Teacher: Ms Cummins

Support Staff: Ms Pearson
Ms King

Squirrels Class

Class Teacher: Miss Clare

Support Staff: Mrs Shead

Our topic this half term is Busy Bodies
Please see attached topic web for the overview of the half term

Topic

The Year 1 topic for this half term is 'Busy Bodies'. This incorporates learning about parts of the body, our senses, and about eating healthily. The children will investigate, explore and learn more about these areas through a variety of interactive sessions.

Mathematics

Maths will be taught daily and used throughout the day during opportune moments. The children will build on skills, facts and vocabulary they acquired in Year R. The children will practice their understanding of numbers to 20 and the number system, through exploratory activities and problem solving tasks. The main focus will be on place value, addition and subtraction. They will also be learning about shapes.

Mathematical language and vocabulary will be promoted through the use of different words for addition and subtraction such as add, plus, more, take away, subtract and minus. The children will also be encouraged to write number sentences using words e.g., four plus four equals eight. The aim is that children fully understand what the words mean. They will learn how to prove their findings and explain their reasoning.



English

This half term the children will listen to stories about our busy bodies such as 'Aliens love Underpants' and 'Funny Bones'. They will be given lots of opportunities to talk about the stories, act them out, use props and develop their vocabulary so they can begin to write their ideas. Through poems about busy bodies the children will learn to recognise repeated phrases and predict what might come next. They will also perform their poems with actions.

The children will have daily phonics lessons where sounds from reception will be revisited and reviewed. New sounds will be taught, practiced and applied. The new weekly sounds will be sent home on Thursdays for you to refer to when you hear your child read.



The children will be in guided reading groups with the teacher where they will focus on a particular aspect of learning. They will also read to any additional reader helpers. The children will have the opportunity to access and choose library books from our school library (days to be confirmed).

History

The children will be comparing the lives of present day nurses and Florence Nightingale. We will also be re-enacting nursing in different periods so the children can experience nursing as it would have been during the Crimean War. If anyone in your family is a nurse please let us know if they would be willing to come and be interviewed by the children.

Personal, Social & Health Education

Through circle times and class discussions, the children will focus on new beginnings and establishing school and class rules. They will also learn about our values for September and October which are friendship and understanding. Assemblies will also focus on British Values and celebrations as will daily lessons as appropriate. As we are learning about Busy Bodies the children will make healthy snacks to help them understand the importance of a balanced diet.

Art & Design

Through Funny Bones and our science focus on the body we will have great fun dipping body parts in paint to create different marks on paper. We will be going outside to create our bodies with natural materials and after reading stories about aliens the children will design their own alien using different media where Pablo Picasso will be their inspiration.

Physical Development

The children will learn to climb, jump, balance and travel around a variety of gymnastic equipment in the hall during this half term. They will use the muscles in their bodies to help them move with more control and will discuss the changes that happen during exercise. The children will also access outdoor games and activities as well as taking part in classroom healthy exercise sessions.

Every child needs to have their PE kit in school every day, starting from the first full week of term. This should include shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls. Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE lessons, so please make sure they have a hairband in their bags too. Earrings should also be removed before school on PE days.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

Computing

The children will have a lot of fun during computing lessons. We will be discussing online-safety. Through learning about different uses of computing in and outside of school they will develop many skills including learning to log on and off, developing their mouse control and keyboard skills. We also have Learn Pads and iPads in school which we will be teaching your child to use safely.

Religious Education

At Moss Lane, we feel it is vital for children to respect the beliefs and values of all cultures and the children will be learning about the festivals of Harvest as they are celebrated around the world. Children will follow the syllabus in a weekly lesson.

Allotment

During the term we will be visiting the allotment a lot to harvest the fruit and vegetables which have grown over the summer period. They might even get to taste some!

Home Learning

- Reading - Please record your child's progress in their yellow Reading Record where you will find a target for them to work on set by the teacher. This will be in the form of 'LT' (Learning to...) and try to use it when hearing your child read.
- Phonics- These will be in their Wonder books weekly
- Wonder book – Your child will be set one activity each week. We will provide you with ideas of how they can achieve this learning. This will go home on a Thursday and is due in on Tuesday.

Reminders

Please encourage your child to remember their book bag and Reading Record each day. Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle every day. Hydration is important for the brain!

If there is anything you wish to discuss further, please see us after school or make an appointment via the school office. We hope this newsletter has been helpful.

With best wishes
The Year 1 team