



KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and look forward to sharing them with all the children.

A few reminders for this term:

- It is important that home reading folders come to school every day. As well as changing books when required, books are also read in class most days. Please make sure that you record in the reading record every time your child reads with you, or their books will not be changed.
- Water breaks are incredibly important for the children. Children should have a clearly named water bottle every day.
- The early bird morning tasks are a wonderful way for children to consolidate learning, discuss issues that they may have had in a previous lesson and begin their day with a positive routine. They run between 8.45am and 9am. We would like to encourage as many of the children as possible to take part in these activities and look forward to seeing you all at 8.45am.

English

Our first topic this half term will focus on poetry and rhyme. We will be investigating the book 'Rumble in the Jungle' written by Giles Andreae, focusing on rhyme and repetition. Children will research and act out some of the poems, before planning and writing their own version about an animal.

We will then begin to look at stories that repeat. Our particular focus will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We will then try to link the ideas and style to our Rainforest topic and write a repetitive story about a creature we would find in the rainforest.

The children will continue to revise and extend their knowledge of spellings and sounds. We would like to encourage you to practice the reading and writing of the **tricky words**. These can be found at the back of your homework books.

Grammar will focus on suffixes, prefixes and past tense.

Maths

In maths, we are learning to extend our knowledge in the areas of:

- Place value and counting on and back with numbers up to 100
- Time
- Multiplication and division by 2, 5 and 10
- Addition and Subtraction with money

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An important aspect of mathematics is to apply this knowledge to problem solving and investigations. This means that a component of mathematics taught must be to reason, question, reflect and discuss strategies in order to answer questions.

Topic

Topic encompasses geography, history, art and design technology. This term our topic is 'Take a Picture'. We will look at the 'Endangered Animals' series by Andy Warhol and then investigate where these animals came from and what their natural habitat is like. Children will enjoy researching the layers of the rainforest and the benefits of the rainforest. Look forward to some lovely smoothies made from fruits found in the rainforest.

In the second half term we will move our focus to India. We shall be comparing and contrasting the country of India with our own country. Any resources or artefacts that you may have at home would be greatly appreciated. Both topics will allow children to use a variety of maps and begin to learn about compass direction.

Science

This term we are linking our science lessons to the National Science Week which is 8th -17th March. The theme for science week is 'Journeys'. With this theme in mind, we shall be conducting a series of experiments involving making things fly. We shall also look at how electricity travels, with the children having the opportunity to build their own working circuits. Finally, we will be looking at the journey plastic makes once it has been discarded.

R.E.

In this half term we shall be investigating the big question: Is it important to celebrate New Year? Children will investigate the idea of New Year, discussing how and why New Year is celebrated. They will begin to investigate how New Year is celebrated in the Jewish community. This will include looking at the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashannah. There will be particular focus on the foods eaten and family traditions.

Computing

This term's computing links to our exciting topic 'Take a Picture'. The children will be introduced to power point for the first time. They will learn how to use the basic features including: inserting pictures, text boxes and slide transition. We are looking forward to the interesting presentations they create about the Rainforest.

Art

In Art, our work will reflect our 'Take a Picture' topic. We will study the works of Andy Warhol and the printing techniques he used. The children will then have the opportunity to choose a rainforest creature to sketch and draw. We shall then explore the technique of printing.

PE/Games

PE is on Mondays. Owl Class will also have the opportunity to take part in several sports festivals at Holmer Green School. The sports festivals are a wonderful chance for your children to work with pupils from other schools and use a wider variety of sports equipment.

Other Information:

Music will continue to be taught by Mrs. Tullie on Wednesdays and Chef will be cooking up a storm in the kitchen with the children on Thursdays.

Mrs. Stockdale teaches on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mrs. Downie teaches on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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Homework

Reading and spelling continue to be the focus of our homework in Owl Class

Reading books will continue to be changed as children require. We encourage changing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please continue to record in your child's reading record every time you read with them.

New spellings continue to be given out every **Monday**. We encourage the children to practice their spellings every day using the look, cover, write, say and spell method. We would also like them to practice using the words in a sentence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Emma Downie' and the signature on the right is 'Mrs Stockdale'.

Mrs Downie
Owl Class teachers

Mrs Stockdale