



Trips and Special Events

Welly walk! We will be venturing out in the local area to look at the weather and changing seasons.

LITERACY

Our first writing unit will be based on *Boa's Bad Birthday* by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross. We will be using this text to write using capital letters for names, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun 'I'. We will also be recapping capital letters at the start of sentences, finger spaces and full stops. After that, we will be reading and basing our writing upon the information text 'Weather' by Steffi Cavel-Clarke. We will be writing our own page for an information book. Towards the end of the Spring Term, we will be looking at 'The three little pigs' by Mara Alpen and Ag Jatkowska. We will be exploring character and setting through this traditional tale.



MATHS

We follow White Rose Maths. Please make sure you have downloaded the White Rose App to support your child's learning at home.

We will continue to look at Place Value within 20. This will include looking at the numbers between 10 and 20, using a number line accurately and comparing numbers. We will then move onto Addition and Subtraction Within 20. Later in the term we will once again visit Place Value, but this time with numbers to 50.

Finally, we will be looking at measure through practical activities for length and height and mass and volume



SCIENCE

We will begin by looking at Materials and thinking about how they are distinct from the objects they make. We will be sorting like materials and thinking about their properties. We will then be testing materials to find the most waterproof! For the last few weeks of the term, we will be looking at Seasonal changes again and measuring the weather. This will also feed into our geography focus.



PSHE

We are following the Jigsaw Scheme and will cover the topics of *Dreams and goals* for the first half term, and *Healthy, happy me* in the second half.

Geography

For our topic, Weather, we will be thinking about where we live on the planet and consider the impact of this on seasonal changes. We will be having a fun look at weather forecasts and how they can help us to prepare. We will also look at weather in other places in the world.

History

In History after half term, we will be looking at the lives of significant people from our local area. We will be thinking about how we find out about the past and what type of evidence is used.

RE

We will be learning about the Jewish faith through artefacts and important Jewish celebrations. After half term, we will be thinking about what makes places sacred to believers.

ART and DT

Children will be making exciting 3D sculptures using a range of paper and card. They will work on collaborative projects together and paint their sculptures. In Dt after half term, we will learn how to make windmills.

Music

Children will be finding the tempo of music using the analogy of a mouse and a snail.

PE

On Tuesdays before half term we will be making simple dance routines using animals as our inspiration. After half term we will be looking at gymnastic movements along pathways. Wednesdays is our PE slot when Plymouth Argyle teach games.

ICT

Children will learn about computer networks and think about the different ways that computing is used in the classroom to help with our learning.





Welcome back, Hedgehogs!. It has been lovely to welcome you all in the new spring term.



Thank you for continuing to come in independently in the mornings. Just a reminder that doors open at 8.35 and close at 8:40. After this time, you will need to take your child to the office so they can be let in via the front entrance.

We will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday so please send your child into school wearing their kit on these days. When we are planning a welly walk, we will let you know so that you can send in sensible footwear and clothes for these occasions.

Your child continues to need a book-bag in school every day. Having this book-bag reduces lost and damaged books as well as making it easier for your child to transition to their phonics groups. Please read their phonics book, including green and red words before returning it to school daily. We are looking forward to sending home library books in the near future.

We will be sending spellings out with your child soon. We will let you know which days they will come home and be expected back into school. If you are experiencing any issues with any homework, please come and speak to Mrs Clayton.

Please remember that your child has a cup available in the classroom and water is freely available at lunchtime, so the children no longer need to bring in a water bottle.

In Year 1, your child is encouraged to be more responsible for their own belongings as this develops their independence. This often results in an increase of missing jumpers, mittens and other belongings. Please insure everything is clearly named and we will do our best to reunite belongings with their owners.

In Year 1, if you wish for your child to receive Friday flapjack, please pay for this via the Gateway app; otherwise fruit is available.

Please do pass on information, worries and news to any member of staff on the gate in the morning, or speak to Mrs Clayton or Mrs Macmillan at the end of the day. You can also email admin at the school office and they will forward information to Mrs Clayton.

Thank you for all your support as parents/carers; it is much appreciated!