

Spring 1



Year Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a restful break. Hopefully your aspirational New Year's resolutions are still going strong! Thank you for all of your help with your children's homework and for supporting our extra events. It was lovely to see so many parents at the African drumming event. We look forward to seeing you at this term's celebration of work event on **15th February at 3:25pm.**

The Curriculum

English:

This term the children will be focussing on persuasive writing. The model text for this is a letter from the Parks Trust, persuading the community to look after their parks. This will be based around an anti-pollution stimulus. The children will end the half-term creating a narrative based on the Three Brothers poem from Harry Potter.

Reading: During read this term the children will be looking at various texts in more detail. This will include our class reader which will be Beetle Boy. Our poet for the spring term will be Brian Moses, the children always enjoy his poem "Walking With My Iguana". To aide with their English writing will be looking at a text on footballer and whether or not they should be paid their high wages.

Maths: During maths this half term the children will be learning how to multiply a four-digit number by a then two-digit number. They will then be moving onto to learning short division, with remainders and without. So please ensure that your child knows their timetables.

Geography: This half term the children will be looking at rivers. This will include investigating their flow, how they are formed and looking at the wildlife they serve. This will also be the basis for our Spring term trip to the Tattenhoe Valley Park, where the parks trust will lead a river exploration session.

Science: Year 5 will be continuing their work on forces. This will include looking at air resistance and water resistance. During this unit the children will understand how forces act in different situations. This will include experiments with parachutes and to measure the viscosity of liquid.

Music: Within Music this term the children will be learning how to play the guitar. This will focus on the holding of and playing simple, but interesting, melodies.

PE: Within PE this term the children are learning gymnastics, where they will be focussing on their core and floor work. Then outside they will be doing hockey practicing their stick skills.

Computing: This half term the children will be learning how 3d modelling works on a computerised system. As part of this the children will be programming various 3d models.

PSHE: This term our PSHE topic is titled healthy me. Within this topic children will be focussing on keeping themselves healthy. This topic will discuss serious matters such as smoking, alcohol, body image and emergency aide.

Reading

Please make sure that your children are reading four times a week.

Homework

Homework will be sent via parent mail on Friday 12th January. It is in the new grid format. There are three English tasks, from Mirodo, three Maths tasks, from Mirodo and three Curriculum tasks, project based. Children are to complete an item from the grid each week. The projects can be given to the class teacher when they are completed.

Uniform

Please can you ensure that your children are dressed according to the uniform policy. Especially on days when they have PE.

Trip

The Parks Trust are going be running the children through their river explorers course in the Tattenhoe Valley Park. This will include measuring the flow of a river.

Things to remember:

24.01.24 & 26.01.24-
Parks Trust trip

30.01.24- Young Voices
at the O2

15.02.24- End of Spring
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