

Curriculum Update

Year 1 – January 2022

Welcome to the new school term!

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Elizabeth Marlow to the Year One team. She is working with us as a Learning Support Assistant and will be working in Year One on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Chadd continues to work with us as a Learning Support Assistant on a Thursday and Friday.

From the start of this term we have carried on with the theme 'Zero to Hero'. We have studied two historical famous figures who achieved hero status by following their dreams. First, we looked at the life of Malala Yousafzai. We read her book 'Magic Pencil' and came up with reasons why the pupils enjoy school and how important and fortunate they are to attend one.

Our second famous individual was Walt Disney and we looked at his life and achievements. Using his quote 'If you can dream it, you can do it,' the children came up with their own dreams for the future while also designing their own Disney character.

Finally, the children were reminded of the story of the Good Samaritan and the values and morals it portrays. Alongside this, they researched facts about the influential figure of Mother Teresa and how, through her life, the same morals and values were portrayed by her.

We will now be moving on to a short theme called 'The Visionary' which is a unit of work with a history focus, telling the inspirational story of Ada Lovelace. She is famous for her inventions and developments in the world of technology and became known as the first computer programmer. Pupils will learn, through her life story, all about her achievements and ongoing legacy.

Reading

Please could the children have their reading books and yellow reading diaries in school every day!

We will always stick to the reading rota wherever possible but it may be that there may be odd occasions when we want to change books or catch up with extra readers on different days.

Please could you have a look at the Spring Term wordlist on the Learning Guidance section on the class page on the school website. We are aiming to get the children to be able to read and spell these words by the end of this term. Any support at home with this would be beneficial!

Maths

This term the children be working towards deepening their understanding of addition and subtraction. They have enjoyed playing number games individually on the Topmarks website and have enjoyed paired and group dice games to practise their addition and subtraction skills. They enjoyed an outdoor number hunt when learning number bonds to 20. Please do have a look at the photos on the class web page.

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting

We follow the structure of the White Rose Maths scheme for maths and they have produced a great app for sharpening number skills that is really easy to use.



Literacy

The children have been finding out about historical and current day figures as part of our theme Zero to Hero and have been writing information about them. They have learned about the life of Malala Yousafzai, Walt Disney and Mother Therese. They have also been composing questions about the figures and have been learning how to use question marks. In their writing the children are making sure that they use finger spaces reliably, sit their letters on the line, use full stops and capital letters and make their sentences more detailed.

In spelling the children have been working hard on spotting phonemes in words that have more than one letter such as 'ai' and 'ur' and have practised their decoding skills. They are working towards being able to read and spell the Common Exception Words for Year One. These can be found on the class webpage.



PE

In PE, the children have worked on improving their ball skills and spatial awareness. We hope that we will soon return to Gymnastics in the hall and continue the work from last term.

Outdoor Learning

In the first few weeks of term, the children have taken part in a great deal of outdoor learning and enjoying the sunny, although cold weather! Forest School activities have involved making bird feeders and identifying birds seen in the Forest School site at school. Outdoor learning has also included Active Maths and English where the children have been able to complete practical hands-on tasks with a clear objective.

Our Week

Monday – Miss Freeman all day

Tuesday – Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton

Wednesday Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton

Thursday – Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton

Friday – Mr Hutton all day

Learning Support Assistants – Mrs
Chadd and Miss Marlow

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any
queries or concerns.

