

Curriculum Update

Year 1

EVERY
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IS AN
ARTIST
-PICASSO

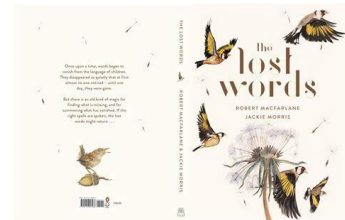
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This term, our theme is 'Every Child is an Artist.' We have started our theme with exploring and using natural materials.



Through writing, we have used adjectives to describe some of the natural 'treasures' we have found in our school grounds, written facts files about Andy Goldsworthy (a sculpture, who only uses natural resources) and written poetry inspired by 'spells' from 'The lost words.'

Through Science, we have looked at natural materials and man-made materials. We have looked at the properties of materials and used words such as transparent, opaque, shiny, rough, smooth, hard and soft.



In Art, we have created memory sticks. We have used Andy Goldsworthy art to inspire our own natural art. We have also experimented with printing using Hapa Zome (the Japanese art of beating leaves or flowers with hammers or pebbles, pounding natural pigment into paper or cloth)



In maths, we have started the term with focusing on reading and writing numbers up to 10, counting forwards and backwards from any given number and finding one more and one less than any given number within 20. We have also looked at different ways we could represent numbers.



40 reads

A reminder that when your child has read with you at home this can count towards their 40 reads. Once you have read with your child, record it into their reading journals and this will be checked by one of the adults in the class and recorded. The children will receive a merit towards their merit cards every 10 reads they achieve and for each 40 reads, this is celebrated within assembly and rewarded with a book.

Reading with your child every day is very important and can help toward their fluency, comprehension skills and confidence in reading. Reading regularly also introduces the children to new vocabulary and supports their spelling and writing.

PE

Year one have PE on a **Monday Afternoon** and swimming on **Friday morning**.

Please can you ensure that Year One have the correct PE uniform in school every day. This is, black shorts or joggers and white polo shirt with trainers or PE pumps. Girls may need a spare pair of socks if they wear tights to school. These can be placed in a spare bag and left in school on their pegs or in their draws in the classroom.

For swimming, the children need their towels, swimming trunks or costumes, goggles and for girls a swimming hat.

Forest School

Every Thursday afternoon, the children will have Forest School. They will be able to come to school in their forest school clothes and comfortable footwear. Please could the children wear long trousers to protect legs from brambles and other undergrowth. On colder days, the children will need to wear layers.

A gentle reminder...

This year, we are beginning to develop the children's independence, especially when coming into school. When dropping your children off in the mornings, please could we ask that you say a swift fair well to help them develop their confidence when coming in on their own.