

Week beginning: 29th March 2020

Curriculum Update

Year 1

Hello all,

Firstly, I would just like to say a huge thank you for all your hard work whilst we were 'learning from home' and on your return to school too. Since returning to school, year 1 have been very busy and have engaged in lots of learning to do with their theme and other areas of the curriculum. It has been lovely to have you all back and in the classroom and I am very much looking forward to the Summer term where we can hopefully spend a full term together as a class.

When we return, we will be very lucky to have Miss Hebron, a student teacher from Worcester University coming to join us. Miss Hebron, has already been to the school and has met some of the year 1s but she will be joining us for a longer period of time from the 26th of April.

Below, is some information on what we have been up to over the last few weeks as well as what we have got to look forward to.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter Break!

Maths

Over the last few weeks, our learning in maths has been centred around the place value of numbers within 50. We have been representing numbers within 50 in different ways using tens and ones as well as learning about the number representations. We have worked practically to partition numbers within 50 as well as use the part part whole model as a visual aid. We have ordered numbers from smallest to greatest using the comparison signs as well as the associated language to go with it. This week we started counting in 2 and 10s.

Science

In science, we continued with learning about the different groups of animals and learning how to identify their characteristics and which groups they belonged to. We then began to learn about how to group animals according to what they eat. To do this, we learnt about the types of teeth they had too. We were able to link this to our theme and identify which dinosaurs were carnivores or herbivores. As well as this we have made some great observations about the changing of seasons.

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Theme

Together, year 1 have decided and planned their theme for the Summer Term. This time our theme will be about farming and have a particular focus on how farms provide food. The children are also very keen to learn about the history of farming as well as the machinery that is used today. The name of our theme will be called 'Down on the Farm.'

Help needed!

Due to some restrictions lifting after Easter, we will be allowed to make some short visits. It would be lovely if you knew of any farms that we could visit during our theme, to let me know next term.

The class are also very interested in growing their own food. I am aware we do have to move quickly with this so we would very grateful for any donations of vegetable and fruit seeds that we can plant as well as planters!

Reading books

If your child brought back their reading books on the last Thursday of term (1.4.21) then they will be bringing home two reading books inside their reading records for the Easter holidays.

On return, please could all children bring their reading books back on the first day back so we can isolate them immediately.

Homework

In the Summer term, year 1 will be given some learning activities to do at home. This will include weekly spellings on Spelling Shed and a task will be set up on Seesaw for the children to complete. The homework will be set every Monday.

Reminders

- Please could all school clothes be labelled with the children's names, especially jumpers.
- Forest school will continue to be on a Thursday.
- PE will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday

Mrs Cunningham and the Year 1 team.