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Woods Corner Class



Summer 2023
Years 1 and 2

Dear Parents/guardians,

Welcome back to the Summer Term

Our whole school topic is



This term we will have a new student teacher Mr Bullivant who will be working with groups and the whole class.

This term will include Year 2 SAT's at the end of May, the week will be confirmed nearer the time. We will be setting Year 2 children 'quizzes' in Maths, Reading and Spelling to get them used to the format of the questions they will have in the SATs. The word 'test' will not be used even when they are completing the SAT's, they will be seen as just another task that will inform Mr Cox and myself what great learners they have been this year. They will be completed in the classroom and the set up will feel very normal to them.

Attached is a sheet with a brief overview of what the Year2 SATs entail.

The Year 1's will have their Phonic Screening in June. To prepare them for this we will play games that require them to read real and 'nonsense' (pseudo) words. The test contains 40 words. Each child sits one to one and reads each word aloud to their teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

If you would like some example of these words to use at home, please let us know and we are happy to photocopy you a pack to have.

How can I help my child at home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise - get them to have a 'good guess'. If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each letter, e.g. /c/ in cat, or the letter group, e.g. /ng/ in sing. Next move your finger under the whole word as you say it.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Allcorn, Mrs Hayward and Miss Egan

English

All the children have worked incredibly hard last term on their writing skills—handwriting, spelling of high frequency words, phonetic spelling and writing imaginatively

This term they will continue to make good progress by writing in a variety of genres:

- Diary entry
- Recount
- Letter
- Persuasive Writing

The children will also have the opportunity to vote for a story to be read during snack time.

We will have regular Guided Reading sessions and children will read at least once a week 1-1 with an adult.

Our handwriting and presentation will continue to be an area of focus, forming our letters correctly and consistently.

Mathematics

This term we will continue looking at the number system, focusing on place value, number bonds to 10/20, adding and subtracting one digit and two digit numbers.

Throughout the term we will look at money and link our number knowledge to this important life skill, as well as drawing children's attention to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to throughout the school day.

The children are doing well with their 2x, 5x and 10x tables and we will be reinforcing how they can be used to problem solve division facts.

We will have a weekly reasoning task where the children will use known mathematical concepts in real-life scenarios. The Year 2's will be given written questions which require them to use their addition and subtraction skills.

Science

At the beginning of this term we will be finding out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy, through a series of experiments. Then we will change the focus to identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. Finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

History

In history we are learning about a significant historical events, people and places in their own locality, and have chosen to learn about the Battle of Hastings. We hope to have a visit to Battle Abbey to bring this learning alive in Term 6 after the Year 2 SATs. We will be learning about and comparing the lives of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, in the lead up to the Coronation.

Art

We will be looking at the artist Bridget Riley and developing our drawing skills by experimenting with her style of art; developing a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

PE

We will continue to have our PE specialist Nikki take the class to learn simple PE games developing their balls skills, understanding of a range of class games and the need for simple rules, fairness and team spirit. PE will be outside as much as the weather allows!

Year 1's will join Dallington class to have their set of swimming sessions on a Thursday.

Music

We will be using the music scheme 'Charanga' to learn about different musical components and using well known songs to keep a steady beat, play musical instruments to and change some of the lyrics. We will also be learning songs for our KS1 production!

Computing

Across the term children will have the opportunity to work with a range of technology and explore how they work. They will continue to develop their understanding in e-safety, using a computer for specific activities, i.e. saving and editing a word document and develop their independent computer skills.

PSHE

We use the scheme RSE Solutions and will be covering the following lessons:
To identify the people who look after them and how to attract their attention if needed. To understand that some diseases are spread, and that they have the right to be protected from diseases and the responsibility to protect others. To find out how our bodies change as we get older.

RE

In RE we will be answering these questions - How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?

Homework

Year 1's will not have formal homework. However, we encourage that they read daily at home and that this is recorded in their reading record. As well a enjoy playing TT Rock-Stars and learning their 10x and 2x tables.

Year 2's are encouraged to practise their quick recall of the 2x, 5x, 10x tables on TT RockStars, to read daily at home and practise their spelling of the Year 2 common exception words.

Gardening

We are grateful to the volunteers who come in to take groups of children gardening. Please can you ensure your child has wellingtons in school so we can use our gardening and woodland area as much as possible.

Reading Books

Our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information.

Therefore we would encourage all parents to read with their child for 10 minutes each evening. Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they've read at home.

Once the children have finished their reading books, please can you encourage them to choose another book from their coloured reading box.