



Ashdon Primary School

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Newsletter

12th January 2024

Class 1 Curriculum Overview for Spring

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below what your child will be learning this term.

English Reading: Myths and Legends, List Poems, Information texts, Humorous stories and Recounts

English Writing: Sentences including 'and', 'but' and 'because'. Correct punctuation

Mathematics: Addition, subtraction, money, time, fractions, multiplication and shape

Science: Living things and their habitats and plants

Geography: United Kingdom and Africa

History: Nelson Mandela and Charles Darwin

Physical Education: Gymnastics, Dance and Swimming

RHSE: Safety, Relationships, Rules and Growing

R.E: Judaism – Shabbat, Christianity – The Cross and Easter

Please feel free to contact me if you are unsure about anything.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Reynolds



Class 2 Curriculum Overview for Spring

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is an overview of what your child will learn this term.

English: The Units for this term will begin with: 'Stories on a Theme – Daily Life' to be followed by alternating non-fiction and fiction/poetry units through until the end of term.

Included within these will be: Sentence construction – nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, simple, compound and complex sentences, all using a range of punctuation.

We will continue with spelling/handwriting lessons on a daily basis.

Your child will continue to read to you at home on a daily basis in order to meet the increasing challenges set in both Reading Comprehension and Writing.

Your child will be given a spelling sheet on a Friday to learn for a test on the following Friday.

Mathematics: Fractions, decimals, rounding of numbers, all 4 rules in worded problems, inverse operations, estimation, symmetry, 2D and 3D properties of shapes, nets, venn diagrams, number patterns and relationships, times tables, recording and interpreting of information (graphs, charts), time.

Your child has been put into a Times Tables group (see Reading Record) and will be tested on specific times tables every Friday.

Mathematics and Times Tables 'Rockstars' are to be done on a regular basis as Homework.

Geography: A Tour of Europe.

This is a Geography-based topic, looking at an overview of Europe and following and guiding 'Wally' as he travels to particular countries. Very exciting!

History: This will play a minor role this term; see above, although we will be looking at sight-seeing features of various countries in both Geography and Art.

Design and Technology: We will be aiding 'Wally' as he cycles through France by designing and making a photo frame to remember his travels by. We will be looking at nets and using various tools and joining skills.

Music: With Mrs Clarke. Performing, composing and singing together.

R.E: Philosophy – 'How do People make Moral Decisions?' and 'What do Muslims Believe?'

RSHE: Family & Relationships, Safety

Art: Sketching, watercolours, Pointillism and 3-D modelling.

Science: Rocks and Soils (to include a trip to the Sedgewick Museum), Materials

Computing: Digital Images - taught by Mrs Dowding

P.E: Will be on Tuesdays and Fridays - Ball Skills and Dance

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Kind regards,

Mrs. Jarman



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Class 3 Curriculum Overview for Spring

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below what your child will learn this term.

English Reading - We will be continuing to complete weekly comprehension lessons based on a variety of genres including poetry, information texts and extracts from novels. We will be reading *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, as our class book.

English Writing - We will start by focussing on poetry, linked to *The Book of Hopes* by Katherine Rundell. We will then focus on African short stories, before moving on to writing reports and finally 'portrait poems'.

Mathematics: We will focus on a variety of different mathematical areas, starting with focussing on 3D shapes, before moving on to multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, measuring angles, long division, different units of measurement and more!

We will also continue practising our arithmetic skills in short 15-20 minute sessions throughout the week.

Science: We will be studying Evolution and Inheritance, followed by focussing on Light before Easter.

History: Our topic for this term is Stone Age to Iron Age.

Geography: Aspects of Geography will be covered through our History topic, such as map skills and understanding of settlements.

French: We will start by focussing on family members, before moving on to clothes.

RHSE: Our topic is Safety and the changing body.

R.E: This half term our big question is: What can we learn about the world/ knowledge/ n. from the great philosophers? and next half term our big question will be: What difference do religion make to Christians?

P.E: Ball skills and Dance

Please see me if you are unsure about anything.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Johnson



Take
Note

Important Dates and Events:

- Monday 15th January @ 09:15 - Celebration Assembly
- Wednesday 17th January - Class 2 visiting Sedgewick Museum
- Monday 22nd January - No celebration Assembly
- Monday 29th January @ 09:15 - Celebration Assembly
- Monday 5th February @ 09:15 - Celebration Assembly
- Monday 12th February @ 09:15 - Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 13th February @ 15:45 in the Hall - Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 parents. We will go through the check, how you can help your child at home.
- Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February - Parent Consultations - more information to be shared nearer the time
- Thursday 15th February - Last Day of Spring Term 1
- Friday 16th February - Staff CPD day

Attendance Winners!

First Place for the two days last week: Class 3 (97.9%)

Second Place last week: Class 1 (93.5%)

Third Place last week: Class 2 (90.9%)

*Well done Class 3! You are our weekly winners!!!
You earned yourselves an extra 10 minutes playtime on Friday afternoon!*