



Curriculum Newsletter

Merlins

Summer 2021



Our Geography Theme:

Happy Holidays

Our Christian Values:

Caring

Commitment to Achieve

Co-operation

Fairness

Honesty

Respect

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope your family enjoyed the Easter break and that the children are ready to return to learning and develop their skills and knowledge.

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this Summer term. During our time in school, we endeavour to capture the children's interest and develop their subject knowledge as well as their wellbeing.

English

In English, we will have daily reading sessions. These sessions aim to develop each child's ability to understand and discuss the language as well as what is happening in the text. The children will work in smaller groups focusing on key skills across a range of texts and exciting books. As a class, we will be reading *Salty Dogs* by Matty Long which links with our new exciting topic. We will be using this text as our starting point for a range of writing.

Our weekly English learning involves grammar, handwriting and writing all of which are developed and built on throughout the weeks in a curriculum designed to help the children develop in their learning.

Our written work will continue to focus on writing in clear and interesting sentences and developing our basic grammar knowledge. During the Summer Term, we will be writing for longer periods of time and the children will be using their phonics in their writing.

Their vocabulary, phonics and writing skills will be helped massively by regular reading at home. As well as the books supplied by school, we also now have online access to some books through Oxford Owl. We require the children to bring their reading record back to school every day so that we can continue to change books and check on their reading development. It is good if the children read their books more than once to develop fluency of reading. The children will be supplied with a phonics book and a reading book. We encourage the reading book to be read together and the phonics book to be read by the child to an adult. If this is done regularly, it is proven to have a very beneficial impact on learning.

Phonics continues to have great importance. The children will learn a range of tricky words and graphemes through the weeks and will be encouraged to apply this knowledge to their written work. This will also link with their weekly homework.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, will be exploring a range of measure topics and recapping and extending our knowledge of our core skills of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction alongside place value. Within lessons, the children will use a range of equipment to help with their learning.

During the day, the children will also have access to Flashback 4 which will help with recall of key topic areas. The children will complete this programme three times each week to help aid in development of core areas of Maths.

The Year 2 also have access to Times Table Rockstars which can be used at home to help with multiplication.

Geography

In our Geography topic, we will focus on map work. The children will be developing an understanding of the differences between towns, villages and cities. Also, we will be learning about coasts and learning the names of some capital cities.

A local area that we will learn about is Grimsby and we will compare this to other areas we know.

R.E

Our topic in RE is about different places of worship.

PSHE/Wellbeing

The wellbeing of the children is extremely important and as a class we will be learning from a carefully planned out wellbeing scheme. This will involve the children learning about Zones of Regulation. In PSHE we will be learning about positive relationships and completing the topics: Changing me and Relationships.

DT

As part of our broad and balanced curriculum, we will be designing and creating our own summer hats. We are sure that the children will enjoy being creative and learning new skills.

P.E

Our PE topics, this term, will be striking and fielding alongside athletics.

Computing

In Computing we will be developing our photography skills with our the unit 'We Are Photographers'.

Science

In Science our unit of work is on Plants. We will be doing investigations on plants and learning about different types of plants.

Important Information

Homework will be set on **Friday** and returned on **Thursday**. This will follow a new structure.

Our P.E days are: **Tuesday and Friday**.

In KS1 the children have a phonics and a stage reading book that travels between school and home daily. Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. Alongside the school reading scheme, your reading at home could include newspapers, instructions, websites or magazines. Please record all reading in their reading record.

Please ensure that the children have a water bottle in school.

We are excited about all the fun activities we have planned for the Summer Term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Matthews