

Summer Term 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope you had a lovely Easter break. This term our topic is "Ready, Steady, Grow!" and we will be concentrating on living things including different animals, humans and plants.

Mathematics - we will be improving our investigation and mathematical reasoning skills. We will also be developing our mental and written methods of multiplication and division. We will also be doing more work on fractions, time and money. Time and money are great topics to practice at home in more 'real-life' contexts!

Don't forget to keep practicing your times tables at home too. We will be spending 10 minute every single day practicing a different times table each week (focussing on the 3,4 and 8 times tables).

Maths games and activities:

Hundred Square maths activity:

<http://nrich.maths.org/content/id/6554/JigSawC.swf>

Stop the Clock: <http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/StopTheClock/sthec2.html>

Times tables: <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division:

<http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/maths1.html>

Counting on: <http://www.ictgames.com/countonconvict.html>

English - This half term we will be looking at a wonderful book called 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. Next half term we will be studying books by Anthony Browne, including Gorilla. Throughout the term we will be working on our reading comprehension skills and developing our writing skills across a range of genres including both fiction and non-fiction. These pieces will include diary entries, letters, writing stories and balanced arguments.

Please make sure you are reading with your **child at least** three times per week. Make you sign their Reading Record Book when you hear them read.

English games and activities for 7-11 year olds (reading, writing, spelling and grammar):

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

Explore and Discover - Explore and Discover encompasses all of our science, history, geography, art and D.T. lessons. These lessons will all relate to our 'Ready, Steady, Grow' topic. We will learn about animals including humans for the first half term. We will be learning about nutrition, healthy diets, where food comes from and how to make healthy vegetable soup. We will also be learning about skeletons and muscles, their jobs and how they work.

In the second half term, we will learn about plants, how they grow, life requirements, plant parts and life cycles of plants. We will be visiting Wakehurst Place to help us learn more about seed dispersal and improving the environment with plants. Over the summer term we will also be using various art techniques to create animal paintings, and geography skills to investigate the environment in our local area.

Here are some websites with links to our topic:

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/content/animals/kidscorner/games/animaldietgame.htm>

<http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/Activity.aspx?siteId=3§ionId=37&contentId=55>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/podsmision/bones/annie02.shtml>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7_8/plants_grow_fs.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8_9/moving_growing_fs.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8_9/habitats.shtml

Computing - We will be using Movie Maker to create video presentations.

RE - We will be focusing on the Christian story 'Jonah and the Whale' during the first half term and then 'Changing Attitudes' during the final half term of the year which includes discussions about discrimination and prejudice.

PE - Please note, PE kits will need to be in school every Wednesday for PE, although PE kits are usually kept in school all half term. We are running very low on spare kit so this is especially important! Our swimming lessons will continue to be on Friday afternoons.

Homework

Children will still receive maths homework and reading comprehension homework on alternative weeks. We are continuing to learn the spellings from the Schofield and Simms programme, as well as the 3 'tricky' year 3 and 4 spellings. We test these spellings every Tuesday morning.

Uniform

Please ensure all of your child's uniform is clearly named. Earrings should be removed for PE and swimming unless a note of permission is given to your child's class teacher. Nail varnish should be removed before arriving at school.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is a problem.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Sutton and Mr Rosewell.