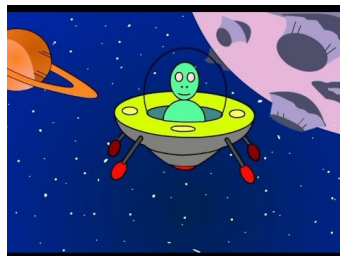


Sutton Road Primary
and Nursery School



Curriculum Newsletter

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Year 1 - Spring Term

Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the Spring Term.

We hope this leaflet will help you know a little more about the things your child will be doing in school this term and also how you can help at home

If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to us- preferably after school when we have a little more time.



The Spring Term Topics are as follows:-

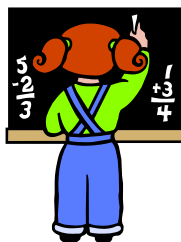
- Can you get the alien home? – science Focus
- Which birds and plants would Mr wolf find in the park?



Maths

The children have a daily Maths lesson covering all National Curriculum Mathematics areas but the main emphasis is on number and calculation with less time being spent on shape and measures. The National Curriculum changed recently and the expectations have been set higher than previously. As part of our lessons your children are exposed to mastery tasks which allow them to develop their thinking and understanding and enable them to use the correct mathematical vocabulary in their explanations. The Mathematics curriculum is grouped into the following areas-

- Number
- Calculation
- Measures
- Shape
- Data



Homework

This half term your child will be set a piece of homework each Friday. We ask for the homework to be returned to school by the following Thursday. This homework will relate to the work your child has been doing in class for them to consolidate their learning.

Homework is a partnership with school and it is very important that parents help and support children with this.

English

The New English National Curriculum stresses how important this subject is for our society.

‘English has a pre-eminent place in education and in society. A high-quality education in English will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them.

Reading

We will be continuing to learn phonic letter sounds, key words and spellings. We will continue to learn to read high frequency words and action words. These link to our guided reading and individual reading books. **Please read with your child at home a minimum of 3 times a week and please ensure this is recorded in their pupil reading record. Reading does not have to just be reading their school book it can be reading labels in a shop, magazines, game instructions, websites etc.** The more your child reads at home the more tickets each class will receive in the school’s reading challenge. The tickets will add up to each class winning treats and prizes. We would like to encourage the children to read a variety of books, such as favourite books at home, books from the library etc. Children will take part in a teacher led guided reading session in school.



Phonics

Your child will learn spelling patterns linked to the phonic letter sounds. We have a 20 minute phonic lesson every day to improve their knowledge of these spelling patterns.

Each lesson will continue to help all the children improve their ‘sounding out’ of words. This is called blending and is a very important part of learning to read. They will also learn how to ‘segment’. This is sounding out letters to help spell words. Spelling will be part of the phonics lesson.



English Lesson

During English the class will be listening to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Their independent work will link to the books we are reading together. In our shared reading time we will focus on how the text is written. Our key focus in English will be writing accurately. This includes the use of capital letters, a range of punctuation and the use of conjunctions. Opportunities for writing will take place in all subjects to improve this skill. Big Write will be on Friday mornings where by the children will learn to write independently for a sustained period.

Handwriting

Correct letter formation is extremely important for neat and tidy writing. We are aiming to improve the handwriting of our children and will expect accurate letter formation this term. Your child will practise the correct letter formation for each letter/phoneme. They will also be learning how to sit letters on the line and show clearly the correct size of tall and short letters.

Correctly formed and joined up handwriting is our aim this year as the presentation of all school work must be neat and tidy.

Year 1 phonics screening test



All children in Year 1 take a phonics check in June.

This is a national test and children are asked to use their phonics skills to read and build up a variety of real and made up words. We will be giving children plenty of practice with this but may send homework activities for them to practise. They will be given a super sticker every time a piece of work is returned.

These are useful websites which will help your children practise their phonics and prepare for the screening test.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

Labelling Clothes

Please can you make sure that **ALL** of your child's clothes including PE kits are clearly labelled with their name. This will help to make sure that any lost items of clothing are returned to the correct child.

We have lots of lost property that we cannot return as they are not labelled.

Science

Our science topic is Materials (Spring term 1) and animals and plants (Spring term 2). We will look at the names and properties of different materials to find out which material is the best to make the spaceship for the alien. We will find out about the different parts of plants and trees and what they need to grow.



Computing

The children will use various programs including Purple Mash. The children will learn lots more about using technology using a range of different programs and devices.

Music

We will be following our music curriculum. The children will learn about pulse, rhythm, dynamics and beat. They will listen to short pieces of music, sing songs and play instruments.



Art

Art work will be included in our topics and themes. We will be looking at the work of different artists and this term will be focusing on art linked to our science work on plants.

Each term we have an art day where the whole school focus on a specific artist. It is useful to have an old T-shirt to help cover clothing for these days and any other art.

P.E.

Your child will be doing 1 session of indoor PE. and 1 session of outdoor PE (weather dependent) each week

It is important that your child has a PE kit in school every day

They will need black shorts, a white T-shirt, and either trainers or plimsolls. Your child may also bring a dark coloured tracksuit to wear for outdoor PE to help keep them warm.



Please remember to label all clothes with your child's name. All jewellery must be removed for health and safety reasons.

Class 1CA– Monday and Tuesday

Class 1AS– Tuesday and Friday

Class 1EB— Tuesday and Wednesday

Useful Websites:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

Mathletics.com

Purple Mash

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