

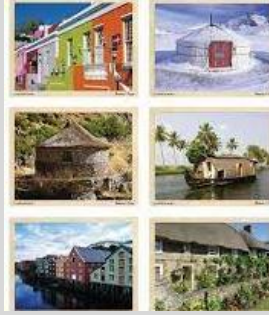
Summer Term 2021 - Curriculum Newsletter – Years 1 and 2

Science

What is it made of?

Through this topic, we will be using observational skills to identify and describe everyday materials, like wood, glass, plastic, metal and brick, and their uses. The children will learn specific vocabulary to describe the properties of these materials and how to compare them. They will investigate how materials have different purposes.

After half term, we will be identifying and comparing animals and their habitats. As well as habitats, we will be learning about simple food chains and describing how animals get their food from plants and other animals.



We're all going on a Summer Holiday

History & Geography

During this topic, we will be learning to use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical and human features. We will be learning words such as town, village, farm, sea, harbour and ocean when finding out about Stourbridge and a holiday destination. We will also compare seaside holidays today with seaside holidays in the past, and looking at how things like location, clothing worn, transport, entertainment and activities have changed.

Maths

Year 1 Topics:

Multiplication and division.
Simple fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$.
Position and direction.
Counting and place value to 100.

Money recognising coins and notes.

Time o'clock and half past.

Year 2 Topics:

Position and direction.
Time in 15 minute intervals.
Length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.



English

Year 1 will continue to develop their phonic skills of blending and segmenting. Our class texts will be used to develop sentence writing, orally rehearsing what we want to say before we write it. We will be learning to write a simple recount and sentences to explain a simple process.

Year 2 will be learning to use subordinate clauses, commas in lists and a variety of suffixes within their writing. The children will be learning to write a diary entry, instructions, a simple report and traditional tales.

Art

Art this term, is centred around observing and creating different textures. We will be taking rubbings using different medias, such as pencil, wax crayons and paint. We will be creating a collage using these rubbings and adding lines to create definition.

D&T

This term, the children will design, make and evaluate a hand or finger puppet. They will select materials and tools to use before cutting, shaping and sewing their puppets together. They will use the puppets to put on a Victorian style seaside puppet show.

Computing

We will continue to develop our mouse and keyboard skills, while learning to access programs like Purple Mash.

PE

The children will develop their balance, co-ordination and agility. In gymnastics lessons, they will explore body shapes, travelling and rolls. In PE skill lessons, they will learn ball skills for individual and team games. In the second half of the term, we will focus on simple athletic skills in both track and field events. PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. both track and field events.

PSHE

The children will be learning about the people who help and look after us. They will also be learning about being safe and understanding risks they may encounter in everyday life.



R.E

The children will be learning about Muhammad and about the Mosque, while recapping their knowledge of different places of worship. They will also learn more about Jesus and what he taught people through his parables.

How you can help your child:

Your child will continue to benefit from activities at home that encourage them to build on their skills that they have learned in school. It helps if you listen to your child read at home for at least 15-20 minutes a day (don't forget Reading for a Star), practise the ClassDojo phonics, spellings and complete maths home learning. Homework is set on Fridays on ClassDojo.

We will be encouraging the children to be more independent, and it will help if: your child's name is on all clothing and belongings so they can look after their own things in school; and you encourage your child to organise for themselves what they need for school each day, such as reading book, homework, water bottle, etc. As the weather gets warmer, your child will need a sunhat and sunscreen to be applied before coming to school.