

Spring Term 2024 - Curriculum Newsletter – Years 1 and 2

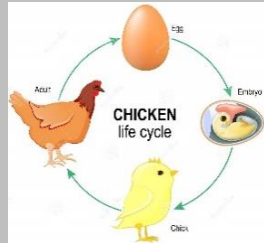
'Hot and Cold'

Geography & History

In Geography, we will explore seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom, before moving on to explore climate zones around the world, identifying and locating hot and cold countries.

'Polar Expeditions'

Following on from our focus on climate, we will look at the exploration of extremely cold places. The children will learn about Robert Falcon Scott and his Antarctica Expedition, alongside Matthew Henson's expeditions to the Arctic.



Science

In the first half term, we will find out about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival. We will also be focusing on what is required to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle, such as through a balanced diet, exercise and taking care of our bodies. During this unit the children will be learning about and conducting fair tests. After half term, the children will be learning about life cycles and how animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will be looking after some chick eggs and watching their hatching progress, thinking about the life cycle from embryo to chick.

English

Year 1 will continue to develop their phonic skills of blending and segmenting.

Our class texts will be used to write sentences orally rehearsing what we want to say before we write it and how to use the correct punctuation. We will be learning to write stories and a simple explanation text.

Year 2 will develop their use of varied sentence punctuation, including question marks, exclamation marks, commas in lists and apostrophes for contractions.

Non-fiction writing will include non-chronological reports and persuasive texts. Within reading, children will continue to develop their fluency and comprehension skills.

D&T

This term, the children will be focusing on freestanding structures. They will identify the features of structures in everyday life. The children will learn the skills of making a structure stronger and more stable. They will use this knowledge to design and make a freestanding structure.

Maths

Year 1 Topics:

Number: place value within 50.
Addition and subtraction within 20.
Measurement: Length and height and mass and volume.

Year 2 Topics:

Multiplication and division.
Money
Length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

Computing

In computing we will be using different devices to write sentences. After that we will be using a computer as a tool to explore rhythms and melodies, before creating a musical composition.



Art

Inspired by artists like Matisse, the children will draw portraits while developing skills using different media and exploring line, shape and tone.

Music

The children will create descriptive sounds and word rhythms, learning raps and songs about weather and water, before creating their own class compositions using voices and instruments.

R.E

The children will be learning about different places of worship. They will learn about key objects, features or symbols and what they tell us about beliefs and how they are used in practice. Later, they will be learning why Easter is important to Christians.

PSHE

The children will be learning about roles and responsibilities and being the same and different within a community. They will learn more about using the internet and communicating online, in addition to needs and wants and looking after money.

PE

In PE lessons, we will explore static balance, moving balance and partner balance. In the second half term, we will focus on throwing and catching. In dance lessons, we will explore shape patterns as well as the skills of artistry to sequence movement and shapes together.

Our PE days are:

Louis Braille - Monday/Thursday
Marie Curie - Tuesday/Friday
Ceesay - Wednesday/Friday

How you can help your child:

Your child will benefit from activities that encourage them to build on the 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 (remember Read for a Star is 4 times per week), 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.