

Meerkats Newsletter.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a restful holiday. Please find below the curriculum overview for the Summer term in year 1. Any questions can be directed to Mrs Alexander.

Many Thanks

Literacy

During our English lessons this half term we will be covering letter writing, poetry and narrative and next half term explanation and narrative texts.

We will be starting to introduce the children to guided reading this term. The children will read in a group of similar ability children. They will read the same text and discuss it as a group. Questions will be asked individually to ensure each child has a good understanding. This session will be recorded in the children's reading records and will count as one of the reading with an adult session for the week.

Numeracy

Over the Summer term the children will be focusing on an introduction to multiplication and division using grouping and sharing and place value with numbers to 100. Some work on money, position and direction, fractions and time will also be covered.

PE -Wednesday and Thursday

Please note that this will start be being taught outside, weather depending, so please ensure that children have appropriate kit for the weather. In the first half of the term, we will have tennis coaching from Olney tennis club on the playground. Over the course of the second half we will be covering games, athletics, dance and multi skills.

Science

- Our topic titles for this term are - plants and nature protectors.
- The children will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Gather and record data to help in answering questions. Observe closely using simple equipment. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
- The children will look at using materials for different purposes, recyclable materials, animal protection and protecting our planet.

Topic

- Our topic this term is Our amazing world. This is a Geography based topic and covers a large proportion of the Geography curriculum. Within this topic the children will study the UK looking at the different countries, the capital cities and landmarks within them. In the second half of the term find they will find out about both the physical and human features of countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and America. They will compare and contrast the countries according to these features.

Computing

- For the first half term the children will be creating art. Creating Media 1 is designed to provide children with the skills required to navigate digital painting software and extend their knowledge of art fundamentals including line, shape and colour.
- The Data and Information 1 unit aims to provide the children with the foundational knowledge and skills for collecting, organising, representing and interpreting data.

Art & Design Technology

- In Earth Art the children will explore how indigenous people paint on rocks before painting their own 'pet rocks'. They will explore and create sculptures made from sticks and twigs, look at examples of Rangoli patterns and explore how to create animal pictures with leaves. The children will learn what weaving is and how it works before learning to weave with a variety of natural materials. They will investigate mandalas and explore and create mandalas using natural materials. They will explore the art of collage before using a variety of natural materials to create a collage.
- In design technology the pupils will build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. They will use a range of tools and equipment and select from and use a wide range of materials and components according to their characteristics. They will then use these skills and their research to create a bird nest. Pupils will explore and evaluate against a design criteria.