

Autumn 2021 – Curriculum News

September 2021

Welcome

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer, a well-deserved rest and are ready for another busy year. We are really looking forward to getting immersed in our class countries.

It has been wonderful to see all the children return to school with such enthusiasm and confidence to tackle the new year ahead. We have been so impressed with how smart the children have been wearing their uniform – please ensure this is named.

Every day your child is required to bring in a named water bottle and book bag. Due to limited space in the classrooms, please can we ask that only named book bags or small rucksacks are brought in.

Reading

There will be plenty of reading opportunities during the school day. We will send home a reading book, and hear your child read once a week at school. Please ensure your child has their book bag in school every day as the day they are heard read may vary from week to week. Please leave a comment in your child's reading log each time you have listened to them read. For extra reading material, please go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk, user name: abbots green, password: AG21. On this site, you are able to find additional books at your child's reading level. We will also read a text as a whole class to develop their comprehension skills.

Phonics

Children will have daily phonics sessions with lots of opportunities for writing. We will be revisiting phases 2-4 whilst progressing onto and working through phase 5.

English We will use a variety of books to link to our writing and the children will be working on securing their understanding of using capital letters and full stops. There will be opportunities for children to develop their oracy skills. English home learning will be given every other week.

Maths

This term in maths we will be developing our mental strategies and instant recall of number facts. We will be using a range of models including tens frames and part-whole models to develop our understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction. We will be revising our knowledge of shapes. Every other week, our home learning will have a practical maths theme, which will develop the skills we have been learning in the classroom.

Rainbow Challenges



These are additional challenges that you may like to complete with your child at home.

**Go on a plant / tree hunt in your local area.
What can you find?**

Create a seasonal painting using natural resources.

Go to the library and find a book about your class country.

Look back at photographs from when you were younger. What has changed? What is the same? What toys did you play with?

PE

PE is on a Monday and a Tuesday. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit (jogging bottoms not shorts) and wearing appropriate footwear (trainers not plimsolls). Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child is wearing earrings they will not be allowed to take part.

Year 1 Staff

France Class

Mrs Norman
Class teacher

Miss Bloomfield

Student teacher

Finland Class

Miss Perry
Class teacher

China Class

Mrs Woolford
Class teacher M, Tu, W

Mrs Worley

Class teacher Th, F

Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Bunton
Mrs Embery
Miss Tolhurst

Save the date

TBC
**Theatre Trip
(Panto)**