

Autumn 2023 – Curriculum News

September 2023

We hope you have all had an excellent summer, a well-deserved rest and are ready for an exciting year ahead! We will begin our term with a DT and geography focus. In DT, we will be exploring different textiles before moving onto nutrition and exploring what the word 'healthy' means, whilst in geography, we will be learning about human and physical features using our local area to identify these. After this, we will be focusing on drawing and painting skills in our art lessons and in our history lessons we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. In science, we will be learning all about living things and their habitats whilst in computing, we will be focusing on E-safety and different computing systems. PSHE and RE will be taught weekly. In PSHE we will be looking at feelings and celebrating differences. Christianity will be the religion we will focus on in R.E. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of both of these subjects.



Reading

Children will have reading sessions every day, focusing on a class text. Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading log. In your child's reading log at the front, you will find a bingo book sheet stuck in where you can mark off a book once it has been read. Remember each line marked off wins your child a prize!



English

Children will be exploring different genres within our lessons, especially focusing on fiction texts to begin with. The children will learn how to write a character description and retell a simple narrative. After half term, the children will learn how to write their own formal invitation and will learn about stories from other cultures.



Rainbow Challenges

Research 5 interesting facts about a London landmark.

Design and make a healthy packed lunch.

Can you draw a physical feature you can find in Bury St Edmunds?

Investigate throwing and catching with different sized balls. Is it easier to catch a bigger ball or smaller ball?

Investigate using different resources to build the tallest tower. How high can you build it?

Can you create a habitat you might find on Grandad's Island?

Create a poster to show your number bonds to 10 or 20.



Mathematics

The children in year 1 will explore number, representing numbers and comparing and counting accurately. We will also work on recognising and using number words to 10. They will then move on to addition, subtraction and working with shapes.

This term the children in year 2 will explore shape, number and place value and addition and subtraction, working with numbers up to 100. Formal methods, such as tens and ones charts and part whole models, will be used for addition and subtraction throughout. By the end of Year 2, children are expected to know their 2, 5, 10 and 3 multiplication tables, so any practice of these at home would be greatly appreciated.



PE

This term children will focus on gymnastics and their fundamental skills. All children will have P.E on a Thursday and an additional lesson, please see below.

Monday – China, Italy

Tuesday – France, Finland, India

Please ensure your child arrives at school **in their correct PE kit on these days**. A warm tracksuit will be needed for outdoor PE, shorts for indoor PE, long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

Key Stage One Staff

Miss Barnard
India class teacher

Miss Paterson
Italy class teacher

Mrs Norman (Monday & Tuesday)
Mrs Woolford (Wednesday - Friday)
France class teachers

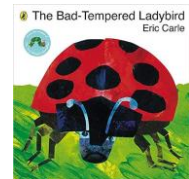
Miss Gardner
Finland class teacher

Mrs Sadler (Monday – Thursday)
Mrs Norman (Friday)
China class teachers

Miss Winterbone
Student teacher

Mrs Cunningham
Mrs Howard
Learning support assistants

Recommended read



'The Bad-tempered Ladybird' is a book that focuses on being kind to others and the importance of friendships.



Home learning

From Friday 15th September, your child will be given 1 maths or English task per week to complete on Showbie. This is related to learning in the classroom. It will be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children in year 2 will have a new set of spellings to learn every week related to the spelling rule being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie. These will be tested each Friday.