

Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term- 2019



Monkey

Year 1/2

Year 2 will be doing their Standard Attainment Tests in May

Year 1 will be doing their Phonics screening Tests in June.

English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	We will be doing narrative (story), poetry, diaries and letters during the term. We use Pie Corbett's approach to writing, which means that they will learn a good example, make changes to the example and then use these two versions to make up their own. This will help the children to remember the success criteria that they should include, for examples capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, questions, conjunctions (but, so, because) and adjectives (describing words). Each week the children will have spellings to learn. PLEASE HELP THEM - little and often is the best way of retaining the spellings. Regular reading is essential so we will be reading daily in school, please do the same at home.
Maths	Our topics in maths are Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Shape and Money. We will be using lots of practical apparatus to help us to understand what to do and why. We need to be able to read and write numbers with words and numbers so please practise these at home.
Science	The first half term we will be learning seasons and weather and then materials and their properties after half term. The children will do practical experiments as well as research, recalling facts and recording their ideas through labelled pictures, tables and writing.
Computing	The children will be learning about programming and using programmable toys and www.kodable.com . Once the children have learnt how to use this resource we will send home the details so they can log on at home.
Geography	We are learning about different geographical terminology e.g. directions, maps, atlas, plan. We will learn the difference between man made and natural features on a map and how to read a key. Our trip is a walk about Shuttlewood so that they can make a map of the local area, after collecting pictures.
Art	We will be linking our Art to our Science work of Seasons - looking at different ways that artists represent the seasons and trying out techniques to create them e.g. modelling, painting, printing and collage.
Design Technology	After half term we will be exploring moving pictures so can design and make our own Christmas cards!

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PSHCE	The values we are learning about are hope and courage this half term and then love and belonging after half term. We will be thinking about how these feel and how they effect our behaviour and whether they look the same as they feel!
RE	We will be exploring "How do we show we care for others?" before half term - looking at two different religions. After half term we will explore "How and why do we celebrate special times?" This will include the Christmas story and hopefully a Christmas play for you to watch!
Music	To begin with we will be using expressive voices and pulse to learn how to sing in tune and together. Obviously we will listen to Vivaldi's 4 seasons linking to our Science and Art. After half term we will look at Dynamics - louder/quieter linked to Greig's Hall of the Mountain King and then we will be learning our Christmas songs
PE	The children will have PE on Fridays doing gym and competitive games. We are hoping to purchase a new PE scheme which focuses on Core skills so this may change but it will remain on Fridays.

PE - Fridays

The children will not need PE shoes this term, just t-shirt and shorts. I do have spare kit if your child forgets, however it may not be their size! The best way is to send the kit into school this week and leave it here until half term. (I promise to send it home before, if it gets smelly, but it isn't likely as they only do 2 hours a week)

Daily Mile

Everyday we will do Daily mile - the children do not change their clothes or shoes for this as we only have a 15 mins slot. Please ensure that your child can run in their school shoes for this and for playtime. Please also send a coat everyday as we still go out if it is spitting and I do not have spare coats.

Outdoor Learning - Thursdays

Every Thursday the children will be outdoors to do their learning - this will be across the curriculum so may include, the playground, the field or our woodland area. They may bring clothes and footwear to change into as **they will be out whatever the weather**. There is not such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!! If they do not have a change of clothes, they will still go out with the rest of the class. There are **not** clothes available for them to borrow. I am sure that you appreciate that teaching your children is the focus for myself and Mrs Bradbrook, and so will understand that we can not leave the class to call you and ask for you to deliver clothes to school. We are happy to have kit that stays on their peg if that is easier, however on muddy or wet days they will be wearing their kit home, so you will need to bring new kit back to school.