

Pre-Prep Class Newsletter ~ Summer Term 2022

Literacy

Reading: the children will continue to develop blending skills, word recognition and learn the Year One Common Exception Words (CWE) by reading 1:1 daily.



Phonics: the children will consolidate their knowledge of Phase 5 phonics with daily sessions, concentrating on 'tricky words'.

Handwriting: Children will continue to use cursive script in daily handwriting. We will continue to focus on letter formation, capital letters and forming numbers 0-20.

Narratives: We will be reading a wide range of books which link to our Topic work, Castles, Knights & Dragons, and Pirates. The children will expand and develop their sentence writing skills using adjectives, verbs and conjunctions, whilst remembering the importance of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths

In Maths, the children will learn about money; recognising the different denominations of coins and notes.



They will work on addition and subtraction with money using real life contexts. They will learn to tell the time, to the hour and half past. They will consolidate their number bond knowledge to 10 and 20. They will spend time developing their place value knowledge with tens and ones work, practicing addition and subtraction with 1 and 2 digit numbers. They will learn about weighing and capacity through practical experiments. They will learn about arrays and multiplication, continuing to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Topic: Geography

The children will learn about world geography; different countries, continents, oceans, map skills and coordinates through our pirate topic.



Topic: Science The children will be learning about growing plants, investigating and identifying plants in our grounds and name and label parts of a flower. They will observe their bean plants growing and keep a diary to record their findings. They will learn about the caterpillar lifecycle by caring for caterpillars in the classroom and watching them develop into butterflies. The children will also keep a weather diary and observe weather over a period of time. They will continue to draw and observe their class tree over time to see seasonal changes.



Topic: History

The children will learn about castles and knights and the pirates Blackbeard, Anne Bonney and Mary Read.



PSHE

The children will be learning about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, looking after themselves, others and the environment, telling the truth, keeping safe, transitions and basic First Aid.



Topic: Art/D&T

In **Art**, they will create a collage of a Knight, learn about the artist Paul Klee to create their version of his Castle and Sun wax painting. The children will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee creating celebratory plates. They will create a Pirate Ship collage. In **D&T**, they will create a fire-breathing dragon, make a dragon's eye from clay. In a group will design and sculpt animals for Noah's ark from plasticine. They will make biscuits inspired by the story The Snail and The Whale.



Computing

In computing the children will continue to learn about E-Safety and keeping safe on-line. They will create algorithms to programme a Sphero ball with their chosen directions and use the computers in the IT Suite to learn basic Word skills.



PE In PE, the children will continue to be taught by specialist staff in age and seasonally appropriate activities.



RE They will learn about the different faiths of Judaism, Buddhism and the story of Noah's Ark.



Music Children will be taught about rhythm and tone through different instruments.



MFL The children will begin to learn the names for the rainbow colours in French and Spanish. They will continue to say greetings in French, Spanish and Italian.



Dates for your Diary!

Southsea Castle Trip ~ 25th May
Country Dancing ~ Thursday 30th June