

Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Year One

Autumn Term Topic:

Our Natural World




Dear Parents / Carers




We hope that you have had a really lovely half term holiday and that your children are feeling refreshed, revitalised and ready for the busy term ahead!

This term your children will be learning about 'The Natural World', an Art project linked to flowers, plants and trees. Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will have access to this term's Knowledge Organiser on Seesaw, which contains key knowledge, dates and vocabulary that the children can discuss with you. By the end of the term we have a fun quiz to assess learning progress on our topic.

Focus on Curriculum

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

<p>Science</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human body and Senses. They will learn about the human body and senses. Children will work scientifically to observe changes over time and think about the question how do we change as we get older? They will also collect data, look for patterns and carry out investigations.
<p>Art and Design</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art is our topic driver this half term. The children will learn how to use their pencil to shade in different ways. We will learn about primary colours and experiment with different tools to make paintings. We will learn about artists Claude Monet, William Morris and Georgia O'Keeffe. We will then produce artwork using paint, oil pastel and print.
<p>Music</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will learn how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together, they will use this knowledge to perform in class.
<p>Personal Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valuing difference

<p>(SCARF)</p> 	<p>We will be recognising, valuing and celebrating difference. We will be developing tolerance and talking about our own special talents. We will be understanding the difference between bullying, teasing and being unkind.</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can take part in team games and I'm beginning to understand how to attack and defend. • <i>PE days <u>this half term</u> are: Currently Tuesday and Thursday (subject to change, an email will follow to confirm)</i> <p><i>Please send your child in warm PE clothing and also send a change of clothes and shoes each week) This can be uniform. Just in case children get wet.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Purple Mash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grouping and Sorting • Pictograms

Signposts to Learning

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

Websites
<p>For fun art inspiration:</p> <p>https://www.nga.gov/learn/kids-app.html National Gallery of Art (“NGA KIDS ART Zone”) For IPAD.</p> <p>https://www.artforkidshub.com/how-to-draw/ step by step video guide to drawing specific things.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/the-lets-go-club-craft-activities</p> <p>https://kinderart.com/art-lessons-by-grade/</p> <p>https://artfulparent.com/activities/kids-arts-and-crafts-activities/</p>

Books
<i>Katie and the sunflowers by James Mayhew</i> <i>The Dot by Peter H Reynold</i> <i>The Magic paintbrush by Julia Donaldson.</i> <i>I am an artist by Nikki Slade Robinson</i>

Homework

Experiment using our school ICT programme, **Purple Mash**. The children have logins and passwords in their reading records.

Tricky words – These are words that can be difficult to read using phonics alone. Look out for a list a words, along with their weekly reading books, that the children can learn to read and spell. Please continue to read with your child as much as you possibly can, we really appreciate your support and it is having a big impact on your children at school!

We change Reading Books every Thursday- please make sure your child has their book in their bag on this day. Thank you!

Important Dates for Your Diaries

October – Black History Month

13th – 17th November – Anti-bullying Week

11th November – Remembrance Day

17th November – Children in Need

8th December- Christmas Jumper Day.

We are looking forward to this term and the many exciting learning opportunities it will bring! If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the Seesaw app. (Let us know if you need a new login.)

Thanks for your continued support.

Miss Davey, Mrs Green and Mrs Groom

Year One Teachers.