

LITERACY

In literacy this term the children will be reading a variety of texts more independently and encouraged to use a range of strategies for working out words and improving their expression and comprehension skills. They will be closely examining story features and thinking about themes, characters, settings and events when writing their own stories. In addition they will specifically focus on using speech marks in writing. The children will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts with focus on recounts, instructions and stories from different cultures. Handwriting, phonic knowledge, reading and spelling skills will continue to be an integral part of their everyday learning.

NUMERACY

The children will continue to practise and consolidate number bonds to 20. They will take part in mental maths activities on a daily basis to ensure they have clear strategies to use and solve every day problems. A focus on place value with hundreds, tens and units will happen along with continued strategies for addition and subtraction. They will also be working on adding up coins and finding change. The children will explore symmetry and patterns as well as measurements, weight and capacity. Telling the time will also be revised this term.

SCIENCE

During this term the children will be learning about plants and plant growth. They will have the opportunity to grow their own plants and will investigate conditions for optimum plant growth. The children will also be exploring different foods and learning about healthy diets, the importance of safety and hygiene as well as cooking and tasting traditional dishes from a range of countries.

I.C.T.

ICT will be used in cross-curricular ways throughout the term. There will be a specific focus on developing data handling and in saving and retrieving work as well as exploring our learning platform.

P.E.

Gymnastics will be focused around exploring large and small apparatus this term as well as the continuation of Dance inspired by stories and rhymes. The children will also be developing their partner work and ball skills in a range of game based activities in Outdoor Games. Swimming will also be starting soon and parent helpers will be needed to assist in changing and escorting to and from the swimming pool. Please look carefully at the timetables for when your child will be swimming.

PSHE

During PSHE this term the children will continue to hold Class Council meetings and contribute to the School's Council agenda. They will also be exploring their own choices and what is right and wrong in a variety of situations.

TOPIC – HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ART & DT

This term our topic is 'Around the World' and the children will focus on identifying and exploring a range of countries. They will be looking at the different flags from around the world, locating countries on a globe and in an atlas. They will also learn a little about the different foods, traditional dress and any time-honoured customs from these countries. They will cook, create and decorate from around the world.

MUSIC

Music will focus on exploring timbre, tempo and dynamics. This will be achieved by focusing on songs and music to do with plants, growth and mini-beasts. The children will be using their own voices and a range of instruments to enhance their learning and develop their skills.

How can you help your child?

- Encourage your child to read to you at least two or three times a week. Please write in their reading diary when they read to you.
- Read other books with your child as well as their reading book, such as: information books, newspapers, guide books from family visits...anything that promotes conversation about what you are reading.
- Please discuss your child's book with them and ask them questions that will enhance their understanding of story structure and techniques.
- The children should practise their spellings using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. Please ensure they understand what the words mean by saying them in a sentence.
- Support your child when they are doing their homework. This does not have to be a battle! It is useful to plan a time to do homework so that it is not overlooked in the busy week and done in a rush. This also helps your child accept homework routinely as part of their week.

- Please make sure your child is equipped with an indoor and outdoor PE kit. This includes shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor PE and a warm tracksuit and trainers for outside games.
- Please make sure ALL items of clothing are clearly named.

Useful days re the class timetable:

<i>PE</i>	<i>Mondays & Wednesdays</i>
<i>Spelling Test</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
<i>Homework</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>

- If you have any worries, concerns or questions please do not hesitate to ask us or drop in on Tuesdays after school.

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Summer Term Curriculum Leaflet For Year 1

**Holly Tree Class
Mrs Burchell & Miss Parker**

**&
Cherry Tree Class
Miss Robinson & Mrs Lock**

