

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER: YEAR 1

Mathematical Development: Children will learn to recall all pairs of numbers with a total of 10 and addition facts for totals to at least 20. They will learn to count on or back in ones, twos, fives and tens. They will recall the doubles of all numbers to at least 10. Children will learn how to solve problems. They will also work with money, learning how to pay and give change.

Creative Development: Children will look at the work of different artists including Matisse. They will produce their own art work based on his style.

Design Technology: The children will design and make penguin puppets (If possible over the Christmas holiday, try to take you child to look at the 'Go penguins' based around Liverpool City centre.

Literacy: The children will look at traditional tales and stories from other cultures. They will explain organisational features of texts including alphabetical order, captions and bullet points. Children will begin to compose simple and more complex sentences and look at where question marks are used. Children will continue to follow the Letters and Sounds scheme daily. We will start to timetable Show and Tell on a Thursday, two children from each class will be chosen each week. A revision list of Phase2 &3 High Frequency words will be sent home for you to practise with your child.

Knowledge and Understanding of the world. The children explore and investigate different materials and their properties. After half term we will discuss how plants grow in connection with our Marie Curie project. We will also be covering the topic, The Great Fire of London.

Music: The children will explore pulse and rhythm. They will listen to the music of composers such as Handel and Vivaldi.

ICT: Children will continue to develop their keyboard skills. This will include problem solving, thinking skills, puzzles and games across the curriculum.

SPRING TERM
Topic:
**Heroes and Heroines/
Fire & Ice.**

Author study:
Giles Andreae

General information: As we are now almost half way through this academic year we would really like to re-iterate how important it is that you read with your child every night at home to further enhance their reading and comprehension skills.

Topic based homework will be sent home weekly incorporating cross curricular links to both Literacy and Numeracy.

Please ensure that all parts of your child's uniform and PE kits are labelled with your child's name.

This term the £1 topic money will be used to buy, exotic fruits, Chinese food, and food for both cookery and our end of topic 'Here I Am' celebrations. We will

Here I Am: This term our topics are Special People, Meals and Good and Evil. The children will learn that families have special people and that they share a special meal. They will also learn about the joy of the good and the sadness of the bad in their own lives and others' lives.

Physical Development: Children will begin to develop travelling techniques this term as well as playing simple competitive games using these skills. Children will develop and perform a penguin dance.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs. Prendergast & Miss Sutton