

Year 1
Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 1 - 2022

In **English**, we will be taking inspiration from our previous Science topic, and our trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park in order to plan and write our own non-chronological reports.

We will then be exploring poetry in the form of riddles.

In our Teaching of Reading lessons, we will be reading books by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter. We will look at *The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet* and *The Dinosaur that Pooped a Princess*. We will delve into the rich vocabulary and compare the two stories.

In **R.E.**, our focus will be on the religion of **Sikhism**, and the children will be exploring the question, “**Naam Karan: What makes a naming ceremony special?**”

We will be finding out about the Sikh naming ceremony and discussing the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib and Gurdwara. We will then be thinking about what is important to a Sikh family, and how this compares to our families.

In **PSHCE** we will be learning about keeping safe. This will include learning about risk and what to do if we need help.

We will be reading

Books by Tom Fletcher



P.E:

In indoor P.E. this half term, we will be finishing our gymnastics unit called ‘Jumping Jacks’. We will be building up to using equipment such as mats, benches and tables. We will then be able to safely explore the gymnastics bars.

In outdoor P.E. with Mr Rogers, we will be practising and applying our multi-skills into a game situation.

Geography: The Seven Continents

We are learning about the “seven continents” of the world: Europe, Antarctica, Africa, Asia, North and South America and Australia. We will locate which hemisphere they are in and the oceans that surround them, before looking at each one in greater detail.

We will use globes, atlases and maps to explore the physical and human features of each continent. We will learn about their climates and how this affects the wildlife that is found there.

Science: Taking Care of the Earth

We are learning about looking after and taking care of our precious planet. We will learn about the Earth’s natural resources and how people harvest and use them. We will introduce the concept of renewable and non-renewable resources. We will also think about ways in which we can reduce our impact on the environment, from planting trees to recycling paper. We will promote recycling information and ideas throughout the school.

Art: Paintings of Children

In Art, we will use the group portrait “The Graham Children” by the artist Hogarth, to think about how art can tell us about the past. We will compare these pictures of children from the past to our own childhoods. Using inspiration from the modern artist David Hockney, we will use the media of photography and collage to create our own group portraits in a cubist style.

Maths

In maths this half term we are starting a new unit about multiplication and division. We will begin by recapping our skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, and then will begin to look at making equal groups. We will be using the vocabulary ‘sharing’ and ‘grouping’ to describe these groups and will explore making arrays.

Then we will begin looking at fractions for the first time. We will be investigating halves and quarters through a range of activities. We will be focusing on finding a half and quarter of objects and shapes.



Reminders

All children need to have their reading book and planner in school every day. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This should be recorded in their planners and will be checked by teachers weekly on Monday mornings.

PE kits need to be in school throughout the week. Our outdoor PE lessons are on Tuesday and indoor PE lessons are on Fridays. Please remember to name all of your child’s PE kit.

Home Learning

Home Learning books need to be brought back to school on a Thursday to be marked and taken home on a Friday. Spelling tests will be on Fridays.

Dates for your diary:

- 27.04.22 – KS1 Trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
- 02.05.22 – Early May Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 04.05.22 – KS1 Parent Coffee Afternoon
- 25.5.22 – Pathfinder’s Got Talent
- 26.05.22 at 2:45pm – Cedar Class Celebration Assembly
- 27.05.22 – Queen’s Jubilee Celebration