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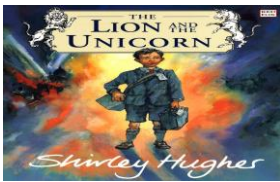
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Dear Parents / Carers,



I hope you and your family had a fantastic summer and that your child is well rested and ready for the exciting year ahead. I am really looking forward to getting to know the new children in Sapphire, seeing those returning to us, sharing their learning journey with them and making new memories. We have been busy making plans to create a fun and challenging learning journey for your child this year, as well as making some changes to brighten up our classroom in order to create a more stimulating learning environment. Please help us to trial the new timetable by dropping your child at 8.45 so that they receive 15 minutes of morning work before assembly times each day.

English

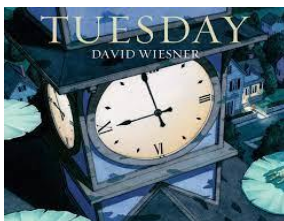


During the first two weeks of the year, we will be carrying out a whole school book focus. We will be exploring the picture book 'Tuesday'. This beautiful book offers lots of learning opportunities such as role play, letter writing, newspaper writing, alternative endings, diary entries, artwork and much much more! We can't wait to get stuck in.

This term, our class text will be 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. We will be incorporating this story alongside many of our English, Reading and Topic lessons. English activities based around this story will include; retelling of the story, letter writing from an evacuee's point of view, character descriptions and setting descriptions. We will be using our class text in many guided reading sessions; we will be discussing the events of the story, the different characters and how their actions effect the story line. We will also be looking at the difference of fact and inference using characters from the story and creating a feelings graph for the characters of the story at key points. For Topic lessons, we will be focusing on the beautiful illustrations in the book and will be aiming to recreate some of these. We will be using lots of brush techniques and watercolours to create a similar effect.



In phonics, children will be learning their sounds and spellings through the Twinkl Phonics programme and will have 20 minute lessons every morning within their own level group. Every Friday morning, following the final lesson of the week, children will be tested on their spellings. Spellings have been selected using the focus sound of the week and common exception words. Please see the list given to your child at the

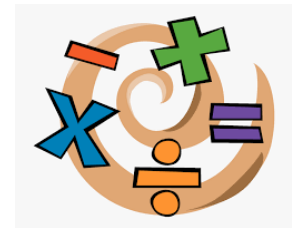


beginning of every half term for each week's spellings. We do encourage parents and carers to support each child as much as possible in learning their spellings. The recommended process for learning spellings is the LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE and CHECK. It is more effective to do this little and often, rather than cramming. The marking focus in English will be to mark the children's written work against the learning objective. We will also focus on marking towards your child's grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will continue to keep handwriting as a big focus throughout the school.

Maths



Over the course of this term, your child will be learning the following areas of mathematics: number, place value, addition, subtraction and multiplication and division. Whilst learning all of the fundamentals of these areas we will also be encouraging the children to think logically and carefully to answer questions accurately. There will be a greater emphasis on problem solving, reasoning and fluency during lesson time. We are aiming to create many cross curricular links within maths to allow your child to understand maths in many different aspects. We will be marking against your child's learning band to reflect the next steps. Your child will be given times tables to learn. They will need to practice saying, chanting and answering questions on these. We will complete a times table test every Monday.



Topic

Our class topic will be World War 2. Topic lessons encompassing art, D&T, geography and history will take place every Thursday afternoon and there will be many other cross-curricular activities throughout the week to explore this fascinating topic. Our learning will include; designing and creating propaganda posters, creating a silhouette of a Blitz skyline and designing and making our very own Anderson shelters. We will also be exploring the different clothing styles during the war, designing, and creating our own gas masks. We will also be listening to and attempting to recreate some of the musical styles during the war. We will be exploring the history of evacuees and discussing the significance of our local area and the important role it played.



Computing

In computing this term, we will be looking at how to create animation using computers and the different technological devices we encounter daily. We will also be exploring a variety of ICT that we can find all around us. At the beginning of each computing lesson we will be reminding children of our rules for being a computer user and some E-Safety tips.



Science

In Science, year 3 will be learning about animals including humans during the first half term and then moving onto forces and magnets in Autumn 2 with Mrs.Wood. Year 2 will be learning all about plants and animals including humans with Mrs Crowcroft.

P.E

Physical education will be taught outdoor every Monday afternoon with Mrs Wood and Wednesday afternoon with Premier Sports. During autumn 1, the children will be learning about health and fitness and OAA. During autumn 2, the children will be learning dance and floor gymnastics. Please make sure your child has a full kit on Mondays and Wednesday and these will be sent home on the same day. Please send a spare pair of socks and also hair fastenings.



R.E

Topics in RE this term will be living by rules during autumn 1 and expressive meaning - light and dark during autumn 2.

PSHE

PSHE lessons will take place every Tuesday afternoon after science and will be taught in year groups. Children in year 2 will learn about thinking positively during autumn 1 and money during autumn 2 with Mrs Crowcroft. Children in year 3 will complete their 'aiming high' unit during autumn 1 and 'Britain' during autumn 2 with Mrs Wood.

Music

This term we will be studying the works of composer Grażyna Bacewicz. This will link to our World War 2 topic study.

Year 3 will have recorders on Thursday.



French

Year 3 children will be learning French on a Friday morning. Our topics this term will be greetings, introducing ourselves, numbers 1-12 and basic classroom items and commands,

Forest School

Our class will receive some forest school lessons delivered by myself over the year.

Intervention

At some point of the year, your child may be receiving additional intervention during assembly times with relation to writing and math in order to help them to close gaps and to increase speed of progress/attainment. Some stretch and challenge sessions will also take place to extend learning further.

A timetable has been drawn up for additional adults in school to also help to listen to children reading each work. All children will be heard reading once a week with these adults, however some children may be reading two or three times. Please note that daily reading takes places also within the classroom and peer to peer reading also takes place.



Show and Tell

As we love hearing all about your child's achievements and hobbies we will have weekly show and tell sessions on Friday afternoons. Your child may either bring their show and tell into school on a Friday morning or you can upload to SeeSaw. Please note, any technology show and tell to be up uploaded to SeeSaw rather than brought into school, thank you.

We would also like to inform you that 5-minute episodes of Newsround are sometimes shown in class to give children



the chance to hear about relevant and appropriate news stories from around the world.

Over the course of the following term, your child will have the opportunity to earn extra dojos by completing aspects of their learning enrichment at home. Please see the learning enrichment letter for additional information.

I hope that this letter has been useful in providing a little more information about what we will be learning and some reassurance about the new school life. If you have any concerns, comments, questions or just need advice on how best to help your child with their learning at home, please do not hesitate to either phone the office, email the office or message on to SeeSaw and I will respond as soon as possible,

We look forward to seeing you at our class welcome meeting on Tuesday 20th September 3.30-4.30. We will operate a creche if needed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Wood

Class Teacher

