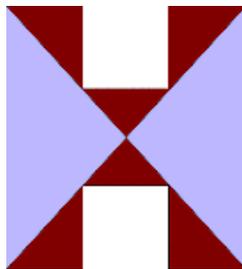


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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful break!

As usual, we are writing to give you a bit more information about the coming term and some 'beginning of term' reminders. We have a very exciting term ahead and two fantastic topics that we are sure the children will love: 'Healthy Me' in the first half and 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' in the second half. You can find more details about what the children will be learning this half term on the curriculum map attached.

Important Reminders

Please ensure that coats, jumpers, book bags (including reading diaries and, where applicable, Spellodrome diaries) and water bottles come into school every morning and that all personal possessions are **clearly labelled** with your child's name. We ask children to hand in their homework folder every Monday morning and to change their reading book every morning, if needed. If you could remind your child to do this on their way into school that would be very helpful. Please remember to check your child's book bag every day for letters or other important information.

Trips and Special Events

Without parent contributions we cannot take the children on school trips or organise special in-school events. We are, however, very mindful of the present economic climate and know that the cost of such experiences can be expensive. We have therefore included information about contributions requested this term.

First Half Term

In-school 'Healthy Me' activities will include designing and making a lunchtime wrap, designing a 3D fruit and vegetable face based on the work of Arcimboldo, observational drawings of fruit and vegetables, making porridge and learning about dental and hand hygiene by learning how to best brush your teeth and wash your hands (with the help of a UV 'germ' light)! We are also hoping to secure a visit with a doctor and / or nurse. To cover the cost of the above activities we would be grateful if you could **give £2.50 to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 17th January**.

Second Half Term

In the second half of the term we will be taking the children on a visit to Woods Mill. This will be linked to the topic of growing plants. The cost of this trip will be **approximately £12**. A letter will be sent nearer the time and no payment is expected now.

In this half term, we will also be having a book fair where the children can purchase a book. As well as this, on Monday 12th March, we will be visited by the author Margaret Bateson Hill. To cover the cost of her visit, we will be asking for a donation of **£2.50** per child. Again, no payment is expected now and more information will be sent out soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Davies and Miss Palmer

P.E

Hockey Skills - dribbling, passing, shooting, tackling
Gymnastics

Literacy

Letter writing - Florence Nightingale
Story Writing - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Poetry - 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen

Art

Observational drawings of fruit inspired by Van Gogh and Cezanne - creating a composition, colour mixing and using the Ipad to photograph work in progress and record comments and observations
Creating 3D still life with real fruit inspired by Arcimboldo

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Anti-bullying
Celebrating multi-culturalism and different nationalities within our school
Being a good friend, getting on and falling out

Curriculum Plan

KS1: Robins and Caterpillars

Cycle B

Spring Term:
1st Half Term

Healthy Me



Design Technology

Planning, making and evaluating a healthy lunchtime wrap

History

The life and work of Florence Nightingale

The history of hospitals and nursing

Science

Why we need exercise and how it changes our bodies: designing and evaluating an exercise programme

Learning about why we need food and how to have a balanced diet

Learning about the digestive system and where our food goes

Illness, medicine and getting better: proper hand hygiene using a UV 'germ' light and learning about dental hygiene and proper teeth brushing

Maths - Year 1

Number - Understand 'no-work' additions, understand 2 digit numbers, find the number in between, compare and order numbers, add a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number by counting on, number bonds to 8 and 9, number bond word problems

Measurement - Recognise all coins up to £2, recognise and name £5, £10, £20, £50 notes, solve money problems

Maths - Year 2

Number - 2 digit addition and subtraction, adding and subtracting 9 and 11 using compensation, finding the difference, rounding to the nearest 10, multiplication using the 2, 5 and 10 count, fractions (on number lines and of shapes)

Measurement - Telling the time - quarter past and to the hour

Geometry - 3D shapes, properties and

Please note that maths will be taught at an appropriate level for your child. Listed below are generic year group overviews which will be adapted as / when appropriate by your child's maths teacher. New topics are taught alongside plenty of revision of previously taught concepts. Higher achieving children will cover the curriculum in greater depth.