

Curriculum Newsletter

Year R Term 5 2020/2021

It is already term 5 and we are hoping that the sun will keep shining as we are planning to make the most of the season with our learning outdoors as well as in the classroom. Our theme this term is 'How things grow' and we will be doing lots of planting and learning about minibeasts and the life cycle.

Readers and Writers

In phonics, we will continue to practise Phase 3 sounds and begin to use them independently in a variety of ways; making lists and labels and writing



instructions for treasure hunts.

We will learn the next set of new tricky and high frequency words by sight.

We will be reading phonically decodable books and bringing them home to show you how well we can blend sounds to read. Please listen to us practise reading and talking about the stories. The books are designed to develop our phonics skills and our vocabulary and to strengthen our understanding and enjoyment of reading.



Mathematicians

In maths, we will be recognising the numerals to 20 and matching them to different quantities. We will be estimating, counting and comparing quantities using the vocabulary 'more' and 'less'.



We will learn how to add and subtract with numbers to 20 and learn how to record using numerals.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20

Scientists, Geographers and Historians



As part of our "I am a Scientist" curriculum, we will be learning about different kinds of plants and what they need to grow. We will be observing how caterpillars change into butterflies and looking at the different kinds of minibeast in the world around us.

Physical Development

We will be learning how to balance and jump and also how to work collaboratively, throwing and catching balls and beanbags with each other.



Personal Social and Emotional

Development



We will be continuing to celebrate our gem powers with sticker charts for being kind (ruby power), practising hard (grit power), listening well (sapphire power) and making the right choices even when things are difficult (emerald power).

Expressive Arts and Design

We will develop our imagination and language in our pirate ship role play area. We will be making props, such as treasure maps, to support our play and organising our own treasure hunts for our friends to enjoy.



Homework



Children make better progress in school when they practise every day at home. Please make sure that your child reads with you and practises their sounds and tricky words. They also need to bring their book bags with them to school every day so that they have their books in school for reading group work.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Munro