

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring 2 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you so much for all of your efforts during Spring 1. We appreciate how hard you and the children have worked, we think you did an incredible job. We understand how challenging home schooling is for yourselves and the children. We just wanted to say that the wellbeing of the children and yourselves is the priority so please reach out to us and the school if home schooling is becoming too challenging.

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Topic

Our topic this half term is *Creepy Crawlies*. We will be looking at local wildlife, within our nature garden, our own gardens and parks. Comparing these to mini beasts found in different continents, identifying what the differences and similarities are in their appearance, habitat and diet. We'll look at the climates of the different countries and will investigate how changes in climate are affecting habitats. We will be using ICT and books to research different mini beasts, thinking about how they are suited to their habitats and presenting our findings to each other. We will also be creating art work around mini beasts and hopefully designing our own 3D mini beasts.

English

Our first text this half term is going to be *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy. It is a beautiful story where we meet a mysterious character known as the Tear Thief who likes to collect tears in her silvery sack. During the term we will also study some fables as well as read the text *Jim, A Cautionary Tale*.

Maths

In maths we will be starting the term with statistics. During this unit we will look at interpreting data including tally charts, pictograms, bar charts and tables. Our second unit of the term will be length and perimeter where we will be measuring length in millimetres, centimetres and metres. We will be comparing lengths and working out equivalence and calculating perimeter. We will finish the term with an introduction to fractions.

Science

Will be *Animals, Including Humans*. During this unit we will be looking at what animals need to stay healthy and how they need the right types and amount of nutrition. We will study food chains and food webs. We will also take a close look at muscles and skeletons! It is a unit that will involve lots of science skills including making notes, drawing scientifically, labelling diagrams and using scientific language.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading

9:30-10:45 English

BREAK

11:00 - 11:30 Live lesson

LUNCH

1:30 - 2:30 - Maths

3:00 - 3:20 - Story time

Remember to stay as active as possible, we will post a PE lesson to GC every week for you to complete.

Dates for the diary:

World Book Day: Thursday 4th March 2021

