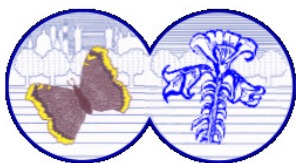
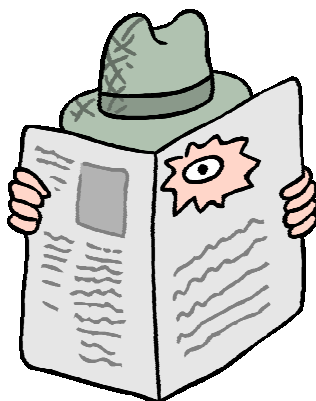
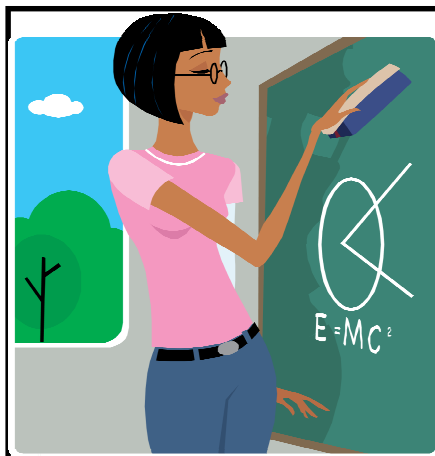
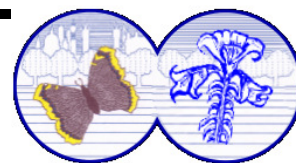


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Literacy

This term we are looking at a range of texts to ensure our children are exposed to a broad variety of books. We will look at non-fiction texts focussed on toys, 2 fantastic stories called 'Naughty Bus' and 'Where the wild things are' before rounding off the year by learning more about poetry.

Your child's progress in reading depends so much on how often you read with them at home. Please read with them every night. Please remember to sign their reading records every time you read with them and let us know how your child is getting on with their reading at home.

History

In History we will be learning about the seaside. This is a great topic and will allow us to study how the Great British seaside has changed over the years and will coincide nicely with our own school trip to Littlehampton in July.



Geography

In Geography we are looking at our local environment. We will be going out of school, mapping different routes to and from school, getting to know key landmarks around us and conducting traffic surveys.



Maths

In Maths this term the children will continue to cover a range of topics including:

- Numbers to 100; counting on and back from different starting points
- Addition and subtraction beyond 20
- Multiplication and division
- Solving problems using money
- Measuring weight and capacity
- Time—half past and quarter past
- Fractions—halves and quarters

It is of course very important that the children continue to work on aspects of Numeracy at home. We ask that you continue to help them to practise the following:

- forming each digit correctly
- counting forwards and backwards to and from numbers to 100
- Knowing by heart, all pairs of numbers that have a total of 10: 9+1, 8+2, 7+3, 6+4, 5+5etc

Science

This term in Science the children will continue to look at the changing seasons. We will look at the ways in which weather, plants and animals are affected by the different seasons.



In addition, we will be looking at plants in greater detail. By the end of term our aim is that the children will be able to:

- Identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants (roses, tulips), wild plants (daisies, buttercups and dandelions) and trees (beech and oak).
- Describe the basic structure of plants including roots, stem, flower, leaves.
- Observe the life cycle of a seed and talk about what it needs to grow.

PSHE

Echo from the ARTis project is continuing to work with us once a week and will be focussing on "Relationships" and "Changes". We have been very impressed with the children's response to these lessons and the positive impact they are having on their emotional development.

Boomwhacker workshop

This term Ms Ros has started a percussion music group which involves a group of children going out of class to work with her. The group will be rotated throughout the term to ensure every child gets this fun experience.



Philosophy

Mr Harris will continue to teach Year 1 once a week encouraging them how to think in a philosophical way. The children are working hard in these sessions and are making good progress with their enquiry skills.



R.E.

In RE we have three areas of exploration and learning during the Summer term.



We will look at 'Pentecost' and learn all about why it is a special time for the church.

Pentecost Next we will learn about 'Reconciliation' and why it is important to think about our mistakes and the need for forgiveness.

Finally we will look at the 'Universal Church' where we will look at the importance of being a good neighbour. We will do this by looking at the story of the 'Good Samaritan' amongst others.

Computing

This term we will be using i-compute to learn about simple algorithms. We will learn how to follow algorithms and how to create our own. We will also learn about how to use the internet safely, focusing on the kind of information we share with people online.



Music

Ms Stalker and Ms Ros will continue to teach us Music once a week as well as leading us in our weekly Hymn practice.



Homework

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and will be collected the following Thursday. Spellings will be sent home for you to work on with them.

English homework will also include reading, comprehension exercises and sentence work.

An additional Numeracy or Science sheet will also be sent home.

Could you please ensure that their homework is completed in pencil not pen.

Please continue to support your child with their homework as this will ensure that they continue to make good progress in their studies.

Physical Education

Both Year 1 classes will continue to have two PE lessons every week.

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school otherwise they will be unable to access the PE curriculum. This consists of a plain white T-shirt and navy blue shorts. Please ensure that your child also wears plimsolls, which are the correct size!

Trips

This term we are already looking forward to our annual trip to the seaside in July. Date to follow! As always we will be looking for volunteers to help.

