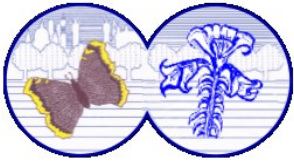
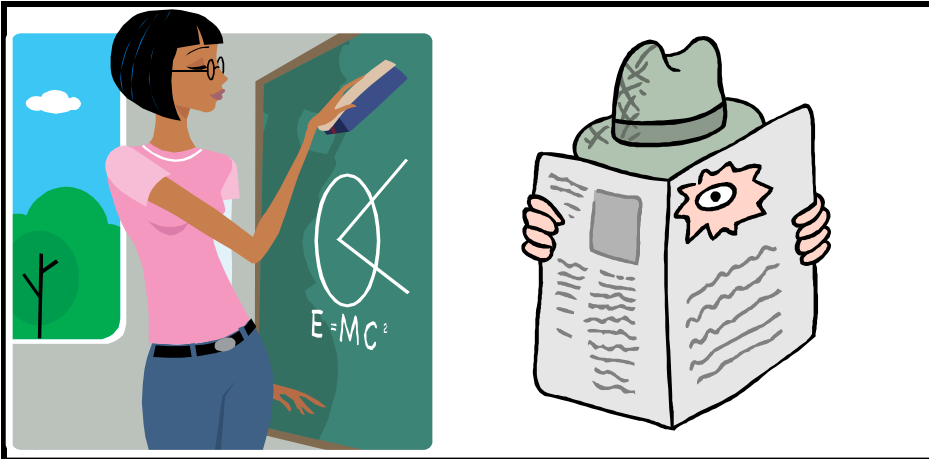
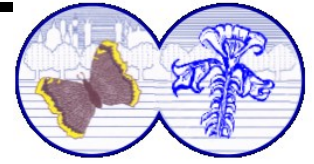


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**CURRICULUM NEWS
FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**
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Literacy

Over the course of the spring term we will cover a variety of text types in Literacy. We began the term by looking at the story 'Beegu' and will finish looking at narrative by studying the story of 'Rumpelstiltskin'. We will also look at non fiction texts this term with a focus on toys and finally we will look at rhyming texts focusing on the 'The Smartest Giant in Town'.

Please continue to read with your child every night. This could include listening to your child read but also giving them the opportunity to listen to you read.

History

In History we are studying houses and homes and will be learning about homes of past and present. We will be looking at the different types of homes people live in now and the common features of these homes and how they compare to homes in the past.



Geography

In Geography we will comparing places both at home and abroad. This will give us the opportunity to find out more about many of the different places that our children come from.

We will be comparing a range of features including landscapes, weather and transport.



Numeracy

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

- Numbers to 50; counting on and back from different starting points
- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Solving problems using money
- Measuring weight and capacity
- Multiplication and division
- Time
- 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 practice the following:

- forming each number correctly
- counting forwards and backwards to and from numbers to 50
- 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 be exploring the ways in which the weather changes across the seasons. We began last term by deciding that we would record changes in wind direction, temperature, rainfall and cloud type. The children will now record each of these aspects of weather each week in order to track how the weather changes throughout the year.

In addition to this we will also begin to look at animals. The children will be able to:

- Identify and name a variety of common animals and say which category they belong in—birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles or mammals and also know if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores!
- Describe and compare the structure of those animals.
- Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which parts of the body are associated with each sense.

PSHE

We are very lucky to have Echo from Artis working with us again in our PSHE lessons. In the first half of the term she will be teaching us about "Saying no to bullying" and in the second half of term we will learn about "Going for goals".

Art

Mrs Beck and Mr Jerry will be working with Year 1 on Wednesday afternoons using a variety of media to express their creative ideas!

Philosophy

This term we are also very excited and privileged to have Mr Harris working with us. He will be leading a Philosophy lesson every Friday which will aim to develop the thinking skills of our children.



R.E.

We have 3 topics to cover in RE over the spring term.

We will look at 'Special People' and study the people special to the Catholic Church and delve into the workings of Mass.



We will learn about 'Meals' and the special role that they have to play in religion.

Finally we will look at 'Change', exploring how and why some things change and how to deal with things changing.

[See R.E. Newsletter for more information](#)

Computing

Year 1 will continue to develop their digital literacy throughout the year with the support of iPads and PC's. Children will again be given the chance to use iPads across the curriculum,

using them to support their learning in Literacy, Numeracy, Science and RE.



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 every Friday and will be due for collection by the following Thursday. Spellings will continue to be sent home but the children will no longer be doing a spelling test in school. Literacy homework will also include a variety of reading comprehension exercises and sentence work. An additional Numeracy or Science sheet will be sent home with the Literacy which will support the work we are covering in class. Could you please ask children to remember that homework is to be 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

This term Blue class will have PE on Thursday mornings and Yellow class will have PE on Friday afternoons.

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 very lucky to have a trip to the Unicorn Theatre in April to see The Velveteen Rabbit. More information will be sent out closer to the time but as always we will be looking for some parent volunteers to join us.

We will also be going to the Horniman Museum on Wednesday 4th March. This will be to further enrich the art experiences of the children. We will send out more details a little closer to the time but we will need your support on this trip so please make a note of the date now.