

Year 1, Term 5: Opening the Garden Gate

Wow Events!

This term we will be exploring the outdoors using the school woods. In Term 6 we will also be having a trip to the Ashdown Forest.

Mathematics

Children will follow these units this term:

- **Oral and Mental calculation** – We will be learning to recall doubles and halves of numbers within 20. We will continue to compare numbers within 100.
- **Number and Place value** – We will be focusing on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will also be looking at sharing with practical activities. E.g. There are 4 children and 20 sweets to share out equally. How many will each child have?
- **Measure** – We will revisit our work on time including o'clock and half past the hour. We will be learning days of the week and months of the year. We will also be investigating capacity and measuring using non-standard but uniform units (e.g. cups).

Home Learning: Count in groups of 2, 5 and 10 practically using resources at home. Sharing groups of items equally.

Please note: If you notice children reversing their numbers when they write, please correct them.

PE

In outdoor P.E. we will begin to focus on field events including races, javelin and long jump. In indoor PE we will combine our learning from both dance and gymnastics and will continue to use the large apparatus.

Outdoor PE is on Tuesday. Indoor PE is on Wednesday (1E) and Friday (1B).

Theme – Opening the Garden Gate

This term we will be learning about the great outdoors. We will be exploring seasonal change and enjoying creative activities in our school grounds and beyond. We will teach Geography, Music, Science, Drama, Computing and Art through this theme.

In **Science** we will be exploring seasonal change and identifying types of birds, trees and plants in the local environment. We will also be having a go at growing tomatoes!

In **Geography** we will continue our work on map reading and orienteering, using maps of the school grounds to crack codes.

In **Art** we will be creating environmentally inspired pieces including clay work and art based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

In **Music** we will be continuing to develop rhythm and pace by learning songs and exploring the use of percussion instruments.

In **Drama** we will be acting out stories based on nature and seasonal change (e.g. The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde) in order to inspire creative writing

In **Computing** we will be focussing on E-Safety.

Home Learning: Please encourage children to look out for wildlife and have a go at identifying the plants and animals they see locally.

**Our values this term are:
Inquisitiveness and Curiosity**

Literacy

This term we will focus on:

- Speaking and Listening skills – group and class discussions about caring for the environment.
- Listening and responding to the story of 'The Selfish Giant'.
- Fiction and non-fiction writing including diaries, stories and fact files.
- Spelling – we will be continuing 'Spellodrome' this term with new words set fortnightly.
- We will continue to work on careful letter formation and finger spaces. We will work on sentence structure and punctuation as well as creative writing skills.

Home Learning: Continue to read a selection of books and perhaps take a visit to the Library to look at books about Spring.

Phonics

Phonics – We will consolidate all initial sounds and will be encouraging the children to decode unknown words using their phonic skills.

Home Learning: Use a phoneme mat at home to aid reading and writing. Play phonics games at home. We recommend www.ictgames.com.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education (SMSC) and RE

This term we will explore different religious and cultural traditions, including Passover and St. George's day. We will continue our weekly Circle Time lessons focussing on our key values.

Home Learning: Encourage the children to care for the world around them, respecting wildlife and considering the importance of recycling.

Save the Date:

1B Class Assembly – **Thursday 18th May**

1B Forest School **Tuesday 23rd May**

1E Class Assembly – **Friday 26th May**

Trip to the Ashdown Forest – **Monday 10th July**