



Learning Overview for Spring Term 2019-20

YEAR 1 – MRS GODFREY, MISS LIPSCOMBE and MRS STANDFAST

OUR WONDERFUL WORLD

Our topic this term gives us many opportunities to explore different areas of the curriculum. In art we will learn about the work of William Morris and explore how he used the natural world for inspiration. We will learn the skill of printing using repeated patterns as we make our own stamps and prints. In science we will use the context of our wonderful world to learn about different habitats and the animals and plants that live there. We will use our time in the forest to begin identifying different trees and plant seeds and bulbs to observe growing plants. We will become historians as we learn about changes throughout the world over the last few decades, thinking particularly about climate change.

We will also learn about the important work of naturalists such as David Attenborough and Dian Fossey. In geography we will name and locate the oceans and continents as well as comparing Aldbourne to a hot, coastal location! We will also be teaching basic cooking skills as the children work towards creating their own recipes. In RE we will be learning about Judaism as well as the Easter story. As always, our classroom will also be full of lots of resources, both inside and out, that allow the children to develop their own interests within our topic.

Phonics and English

Children will learn alternative spellings for the most common sounds as well as start to learn about alternative pronunciations of sounds already learnt.

We will be focusing on applying our phonics knowledge in our writing as we being to write more complex sentences and refine our handwriting skills. We will use the wonderful book of Grandad's Island to discuss illustrations and texts as well as writing our own stories.

Maths

We will be moving onto look at the formal recording of subtraction and addition whilst ensuring the children have a true understanding of what they are doing.

We will be also be learning about time, money and position and direction – much of which the children will explore and investigate independently.

Important Dates

Wednesday 4th March – parent science workshop from 2pm – details to follow
Wednesday 17th March – Westonbirt Arboretum trip (there will be a charge for this on parentpay)

Reading

The most effective way to learn to read is to do it every day. Please continue to read with your child as much as possible. Your child can read their "500 book", their school reader or a book from home; it really doesn't matter!

Home Learning

Homework books will come home on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Wednesday - please see the weekly post for the page that needs to be completed. In addition, children will be bringing home a sheet of High Frequency words to learn. The emphasis is on fluency so they need to be able to read them immediately without any sounding out at all. Once we have checked in school that they can do this, they will be given the next set. Any questions, please speak to me.

Forest Schools

We will be visiting the forest on Monday afternoons in term 3. Each session we like to take three parents with us to the forest to support the children in their play. Please sign up in class if you are able to help.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day and that it is filled with water (not squash).

Please leave a full PE kit, trainers and wellies in school every day and ensure they are all named.