

English

This term the children will be doing a visual literacy unit based on the short animation 'Taking Flight' and writing stories based on this. They will also be writing their own information texts linked to dinosaurs. The children will be practising writing simple sentences, as well as extending their writing by using adjectives and conjunctions. They will be learning about different sentence types such as statements, commands, questions and exclamations. We are continuing to focus on handwriting, phonics, finger spaces and punctuation.

Please look out for the Big Write notes which your children will bring home. Discussing these with your children will hugely help them when it comes to independently writing.

Maths

The children will be looking at properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes and finding these shapes in their environment. The next unit will focus on multiplication and division. The children will consider making equal groups while the younger children will consider sharing equally. If you could help your children by counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from zero and for the older children knowing their corresponding multiplication and division facts for these tables. This will also help with their next unit on fractions.

Mental maths continues to be important; please could you help your children have a quick recall of the stories of each number e.g $8=7+1$, $6+2$, $5+3$ etc.

Topic

This term the children will be thinking about dinosaurs and fossils. We will look at the story of Mary Anning and how she helped us to know more about the past. We are also looking forward to visiting Dippy the dinosaur!

Can you learn the popular tongue-twister: She sells sea-shells on the sea-shore?

PE and Swimming

In PE the children will be focusing on dance and movement. In the term leading up to Easter, children will be recapping their ball skills and learning how to play mini rugby. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please let an adult in school know. Swimming starts on 13th January.

PSHE

Our units this term are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.

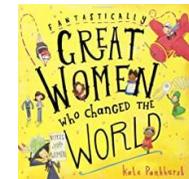
Science

In science, the units we are covering are 'Treasure Island' and 'Move It'. We will be carrying out many experiments, investigating floating, sinking and pulse rates to name a few!

If any parents or grandparents would like to help by listening to children read or coming in occasionally to help support children with for example art or DT projects, please let us know. We would greatly appreciate the support.

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Computing

This term the children will be learning about how to keep safe online and handling different types of data. They will be using laptops and ipads.

RE

Our unit this term is incarnation and salvation. We will be thinking about God sending 'Good News'.

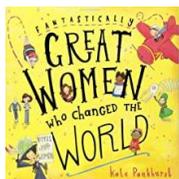
Usually, Mrs Mitchell walks down the hill on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Poole on a Thursday and Friday should you like to talk.

Reading Awards

The children will work towards their reading awards by reading with an adult. To help your child to achieve their awards, please sign their record after each read.

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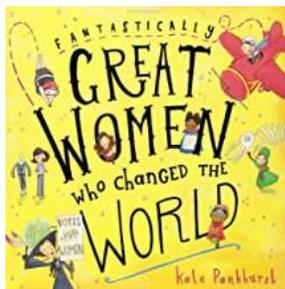


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Phonics

This term we are starting a new phonics scheme called 'Read, Write, Inc'. More information about this will be sent out soon.

Below is a key text we will be using in English and topic. It is available to purchase on Amazon should you wish to support your child further at home.



Year 1 and 2 Homework

One bingo box a week – please see the front of your child's **BLUE** homework book for more information. There is the expectation that children will complete their homework and hand their homework book in every **Wednesday**.

Read at home regularly. Reading **most nights** (even for five minutes) will help your child to become the best reader they can be!

Practise the weekly spellings from their **BLUE** spelling book using the games on Spelling Shed. Your child will have a spelling test every **Monday** afternoon based on these spellings only. Login is in the front of the spelling book.

Practise reading and writing phonic word spellings from their **RED** phonics books.

Practise reading the tricky words (words that can't be sounded out using phonics) from their **tricky word tin**.

Big Write notes are sent home 2 out of 3 weeks on a **Wednesday** to help prepare the child to write on a **Friday**, please discuss these with your child.

Children will be given a topic-based project to complete towards the end of each term. This is an opportunity for children to apply their topic learning to a fun project where they can be as creative as they wish.

Year 2 only will be using Times Table Rockstars to practise times tables. Login can be found in the front of the homework book. **NOTE: By end of Y2 children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables fluently.**

Ways to help at home:

1. Help them to complete their homework and take pride in what they produce. It is important that children complete their homework on time as it gives the opportunity to consolidate what they have learnt in class.
2. Read with them as often as possible and ask them questions.
3. Ask them what they have done at school and discuss it (hopefully they won't say, "Nothing!").
4. Correct their speech if they say things incorrectly.
5. Spot and discuss words, numbers and shapes in signs/shops/clocks when out and about.
6. Count in steps of 2,5 and 10 both forwards and backwards..
7. Play board games and card games to learn the values of sharing, co-operation and problem solving.
8. Help them become as independent as possible by encouraging them to dress themselves.

Here is a selection of educational maths games and songs;

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games->