



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 1 and 2 – Summer 1 – 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer 1! We would like to share our curriculum overview with you about all the great learning that we have coming up this half term.

Please note:

- PE day will be **Tuesday** so please ensure you have your full PE kit in on these days including trainers. Please ensure your child has their trainers with them every day in preparation for the daily mile.
- Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**. Children will receive literacy and numeracy homework as well as spellings. Spelling tests are on a Friday. They are also expected to be reading daily; please comment in the reading records regularly so that we can see how they're getting on at home.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In literacy, the pupils will read will read *Fantastic Mr Fox* and use this book to write wanted posters, newspaper reports and recounts in the form of diary entries. They will work on the use of co-ordination and subordination in sentences, as well as past tense.

Pupils will also engage in the story 'The Minpins' and write their own fantasy story inspired by the author Roald Dahl.

In Maths, pupils will focus on multiplication and division relating to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Pupils will also look at variety of measurements, such as money, length and mass. We will also be solving a range of maths investigations with open ended questions.

In Jewish Studies, we will be focusing on Lag Ba'Omer and Shavuot. We will also celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day).

In Music, pupils will be learning how to distinguish between higher and lower sounds and will be creating simple melodic patterns.

In Computing, we will be learning about 'Handling Data' and using a simple graphing package to record information and talk about how ICT can be used to record data.

- In Ivrit, pupils will be reading, writing and speaking about things in the home. Pupils will listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.

Our Topic this half term is
'Caring Heroes'

In History, our focus will be on the historical figures of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell and their mission to help others. We will also develop an awareness of the past and identify similarities, including differences between ways of life in different periods and an understanding of significant individuals in the past.

In PE, pupils will develop jumping, hopping and skipping techniques. They will look at how to apply these to competitive situations. They will also look at the game of rounders. We are also fortunate enough to work with Middlesex Cricket for coaching.

In Science, pupils will be looking at plants. In particular, the role of the flowers, leaves, roots and stem in growth. We will know what a plant needs to survive: water, carbon dioxide and light and understand the life cycle of a plant. We will also observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.

In Art, pupils will build on skills from the previous year and learn how to use hatching, cross-hatching and other shading.

In PSHE, pupils will be looking at human changes. Know what humans are able to do at different stages of life.