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Year 1 Summer Term Topic

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! The children have returned full of enthusiasm and have made a brilliant start by creating huge 3D flowers.

Our topic this term is science-based, and the children will be learning about the seasons, plants, and wildlife. This term, Hazel, Lakshmi, Mimosa and Maddie will be supporting the class, and Alphaia will continue to cover my planning and preparation time on Wednesday mornings. We will also be joined by Lizzy, a student teacher from the Institute of Education.



To kick-start our topic, we wrote spring poems inspired by the changes we see around us. The children will then explore traditional tales featuring wolf characters, followed by retelling their own version of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. They will also practise writing non-fiction, using the natural environment as a stimulus.

Our focus in science includes identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, as well as understanding the basic structure of common flowering plants, including trees. The children will also learn more about seasonal changes and a variety of common animals.

In art, as well as using illustrations from our key texts, we will explore several stories by Eric Carle, including *The Tiny Seed* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and create collage and graffito artworks. Graffito is a technique in which a surface is layered with paint or another medium and then scratched into. We will also have a focus on printmaking.

In geography this half term, we will focus on fieldwork. The children will learn the compass directions—north, south, east and west—and will have many opportunities to develop their map-reading skills. In history, we will explore changes within living memory by comparing old photographs of the local area with how it looks today. We will also discuss the importance of local green spaces, and the children will learn about the Hampstead Heath Act, which ensures the Heath remains “open, unenclosed and unbuilt on”.

We will continue to have PE sessions on Mondays with Coach Keely. We will also have an additional PE session with Lizzy on Wednesday afternoons for the rest of this half term. It is very helpful if the children come to school dressed comfortably and wearing trainers on these days.

This term in phonics, the focus will be on consolidating and applying previous learning. Each day we will revise a sound that is essential for the children to secure.

There is already an expectation that the children are confident with all Phase 2 and 3 sounds. These are the sounds we will be covering this half term –

ay	play
a-e	shake
ea	each
e	he
ie	pie
i-e	time
o	go
o-e	home
ue	blue, rescue
ew	chew, new
u-e	rude, cute
aw	claw
ea	head
ir	bird
ou	cloud
oy	toy
i	tiger
a	paper
ow	snow
u	unicorn
ph	phone
wh	wheel
ie	shield
g	giant

Please check in with your children about each of these sounds, help them think of words that include them, and try to spot them in their books and in the real world.

Our three reading sessions each week have been very successful this year. They have enabled the children to develop strong decoding skills, reading with expression, and building up their comprehension. By the time they bring their books home to read with you, they should be reading confidently and fluently. Please take time to sit and read with your child every day, and remember, they are welcome to change their 'real books' at any time during the week.

Maths

This term, we will focus on multiplication and division by making equal groups to solve problems. We will continue our learning about place value with numbers up to 100. In our work on fractions, we will learn about halves and quarters. We will also explore money, time, position, and direction.

Help at Home

English - Please continue to read to and with your child every day for at least 10 minutes.

Providing meaningful opportunities to write at home is also helpful — for example: keeping a diary, writing cards or letters to friends, or making shopping lists.

Maths - In maths, please practise counting to 100, as well as counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Practise telling the time to the hour and half hour, and provide opportunities for your child to work with money by recognising and adding coins. Playing dice and card games that involve addition and subtraction is also very beneficial.

Important Dates

Tuesday 20th April – Trip to Zoo Town - **packed lunch required**

Thursday 14th May – Trip to Talacre

Friday 15th May – Science Day

Thursday 11th June – Trip to Hampstead Heath

Friday 22nd June – Year 1 Class Assembly

Friday 10th July – Sports Day - **packed lunch required**

Friday 17th July – Last day of term - **2pm finish**

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Rachel Webb