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Wild



Year 1 Topic Letter – Spring Term

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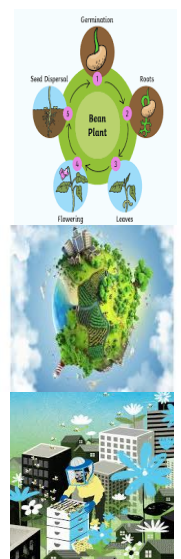
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and Spring term!

We are excited to begin our Science-based Spring topic, **Wild**, which will focus on the natural world and link closely with our whole-school STEAM project this term (STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths). Our Topic began last week with a Wild Hunt around the school grounds, using our five senses to discover and record our findings of different plants and animals. We also listened to Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* and sketched and painted in response to the music. This links to an extra special workshop and trip this term, involving discovering the instruments of an orchestra with the musicians themselves followed by a trip to see the orchestra live in concert! In the weeks to come, we will be reading a variety of high-quality texts relating to the natural world, including **Wild** and **The Bee Who Spoke**. I will also be reading the children an array of stories, poems and non-fiction texts throughout the term, using these as a springboard for our learning across all curriculum subjects.



In **History**, we will focus on **Naturalists** as significant historical figures and link this with our learning in Science and Art by studying the findings and illustrations of **Beatrix Potter** and **Maria Sibylla Merian**. Our **Art** lessons this term will look at the connections between outside and inside, focussing on **Eco Art**. In **Science**, we will learn about the **seasons** and the **life cycles** of plants. **Geography** will involve studying the similarities and differences between urban and rural environments, looking at **human and physical geography** as well as employing our **geographical skills** to navigate and map our school grounds. Combining our learning in Science and Geography, our **DT** lessons will involve **researching, planning, designing and creating** objects and spaces to help attract more bees to Fleet. **Computing** will run throughout all subjects, as we learn about using technology safely across the curriculum to research, plan and create.





Maths

We will continue to go wild for Maths in Y1 this term! Following the National Curriculum, we will use the Mastery approach, focussing on key Big Ideas. The children will have lots of opportunities to apply and develop their mathematical language, fluency and understanding as well as to further develop their problem solving and reasoning skills.



Philosophy

Philosophy this term will see us being very busy thinking bees! The children have amazed me with their developing critical thinking as well as their language and debating skills, which they are successfully applying in lessons across the curriculum.



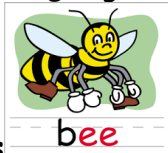
P.E

This term, we have **P.E. every Wednesday** with the wonderful **Coach Keeley!** Children should wear trainers and comfortable clothes that are easy to move around in.



Reading

I will continue to read formally with your child once every week during a **Guided Reading** session. Children should continue to bring their **Book Bags to school every day**. Please **read to and with your child on a daily basis** and complete your child's **Reading Record and Phonics Log** regularly.



Phonics

Phonics will be taught in class **daily** with observational assessment.



Supporting Your Child's Learning

Literacy

- Read **every night** to and/or with your child for **at least 15 minutes**.
- Encourage writing wherever possible. A special writing book and pens can help with motivation. Whilst still keeping it fun, please help your child to write in clear sentences with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.



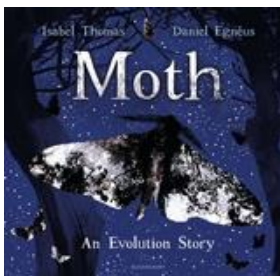
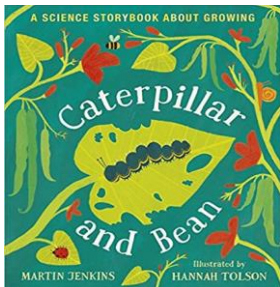
- <https://discoveryeducation.co.uk> (username and password required - see Class Teacher)
- lovemybooks.co.uk
- phonicsplay.co.uk
- teachhandwriting.co.uk

Maths

- Help your child to learn all Number Bonds to 20.
- Help your child to tell the time by knowing o'clock and half past and to relate times on clocks and watches to daily routines.
- Working with measures supports many areas of Maths (eg: help your child to add up small totals of money, work out change, measure ingredients when cooking or baking etc.)



- <https://discoveryeducation.co.uk> (username and password required - see Class Teacher)
- uk.mathletics.com (username and password required - see Class Teacher)
- nationalnumeracy.org.uk
- ictgames.co.uk
- www.topmarks.co.uk



Important Dates

Camden City Learning Centre (CLC) - Tuesday 14th January
October Gallery - Tuesday 21st January
Hampstead Heath - TBC
Open Morning (Maths) - Friday 7th February
Open Morning (Phonics) - TBC
Road Safety Drama Workshop - Monday 10th February
Half Term - Monday 17th February
Burgh House and Hampstead Museum - Friday 28th February
'Orchestra Up Close' Workshop - Thursday 5th March
'Orchestra Up Close' Concert - Tuesday 24th March
Parents' Evening - Wednesday 11th March
Spring Half Term - Monday 17th March
Y1 Class Tea - Thursday 26th March
Y1 Class Assembly - Friday 27th March
International Food Evening - Thursday 2nd April
Final Day of Spring Term - Friday 3rd April



We hope you will become as enthused as we are about our new topic! **We welcome all additions to our Topic Table** and if you, or someone you know, would be **willing to speak to the children on any area related to our Topic** then please do let me know.

Finally, if you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to see me after school. Here's to a happy and successful Spring term!

Karen Coulter
Y1 Class Teacher