



Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term 2016



Key Stage 1 - MacArthur, Columbus & Cook

Our topic this term is called 'Australia'. The children will be doing a lot of exciting cross curricular work connected to this theme through History, Geography, Science, Art and Music such as; naming and locating continents and oceans on a world map, finding out about geographical and cultural aspects of Australia and comparing this to our own country. We will also be looking at habitats and food chains of animals from different countries in our science work and we will be comparing hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and north and south poles.

As well as looking at habitats and food chains in our Science work, we will also be investigating how animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. As part of the work on this, we will be researching the basic needs of animals for survival.

In Art the children will be exploring the wonders of Aboriginal artwork and will be creating their own pictures using a range of art materials whilst also studying the artist Seurat.

In History we will find out about the lives of significant Australian people who have contributed to national and international achievements.

In D&T we will be designing and making our own moving pictures using a range of craft materials linked to Australia.

In Maths this term the children will be using completing a variety of units including discovering equivalence and reasoning with fractions, solving number problems, exploring change with dates and times, proportional reasoning using multiplication and division, describing position and measuring and estimating in capacity, mass and length.

In Literacy we will be continuing our work through RWI and Language and Literacy. All the children will be encouraged to develop their independent reading and writing skills through a range of strategies such as phonics, guided reading and targeted group work.

In ICT the children will continue to develop their confidence with the iPads and laptops focusing 'Understanding Algorithms' and creating simple programs which the children will to debug!

In PSHE the children will be looking at two units called 'Chicken Soup' and 'Anybody, somebody, nobody'. These units focus on the value of sharing and nature of generosity and making children take responsibility for their actions.

RE will focus on the unit 'Stepping Out' and we will be learning about Raksha Banhan, the Hindu festival of brothers and sisters. As part of this unit we will be making links between places of worship and looking at some of the artefacts found there. We will also be identifying features that make a place of worship special and begin to understand that special places are not all the same.

Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times per week and refer to the questions that are stuck in the front of the home school books as these will enable them to develop a range of skills linked to reading and understanding the text.

The children will be continuing with their PE sessions either indoors or outdoors so please ensure that they have their trainers in school each week. Please ensure children bring PE kits on Monday and leave them at school for the week, to allow for any circumstances when PE sessions may have to be changed. Please remember it would be advisable for safety reasons that children who wear earrings leave them at home on days when they take part in PE.

Can you please also make sure that ALL uniform and PE kit is named as we already have some items of clothing that have been left in the classroom without names on them.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Venables, Mrs Harte, Miss Stanham and Mrs Worboys

