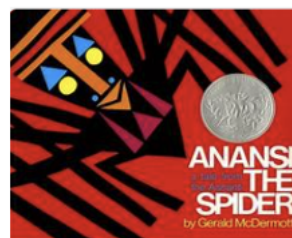


Nursery



Dear parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a joyful and restful break. We would first like to thank you all for your kind words and gifts; we really appreciated them and as always, it is a pleasure working with you and the children.

Our **R.E** topic will focus on New Year celebrations around the world. If anyone has made any new year resolutions this year, please share these with your child! We will also learn about Chinese and Persian New Year and explore the traditions and culture through art and a range of texts.

This half term we will be focusing on our new story, "Anansi the Spider", which is a traditional folktale from Africa. Children will learn how to map out the story with key events and pictures, step out the story and retell it as part of the storytelling process. Your children will build a physical memory of the story as they internalise the key language and structure of the text. We will also be focusing on character description and will begin to innovate our own version of this story as a class.

We continue to develop our knowledge of the world as we explore the winter season and use our understanding to dress appropriately for the cold weather. We aim to increase children's independence in putting coats, hats and gloves on independently. As Anansi's sons helped him in some very tricky situations in our English text, we will also be learning about emergency services that help us.

We will continue with name recognition, sequencing letters and writing our names. We will also continue with phase 1 phonics and will focus on music from around the world, linking with our English and R.E topic.

Children will continue to focus on numbers 0-5 as they link the numeral to amounts, carefully count amounts and order numbers. Children will also explore capacity, mass, height and length and will explore this concept within the wider provision and within everyday situations.

The Nursery Team.

Reception



Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back, I hope you had a restful yet fun filled Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Amoah and I am the new Reception class teacher. We have another exciting term ahead of us and I am excited for the journey!

What are we learning about?

Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term the children will continue to learn new sounds and blend words. They will be encouraged to write words independently and explore sentence structure, using correct punctuation such as finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Throughout the term, we will be reading a variety of stories and encouraging the children to ask and answer questions about the texts. The children will be developing their skills by writing descriptive sentences using adjectives. They will have the opportunity to continue improving their confidence in speaking and listening through role play within the indoor and outdoor learning environment, partner talk and the sheer joy and power of poetry!

Maths

This term we will continue to deepen our understanding of number. During the autumn term the class teacher worked hard to ensure that all children had a solid concept of numbers 1-5. This meant ensuring that they could recognise and write the numerals and break down numbers into smaller numbers (i.e. 3 can be made up of three ones, a two and a one, or a three and a zero). This learning will be continued with the numbers 5-8. We will also explore how these numbers can be represented. We will then be finding one more and less and looking at odd and even numbers. In addition to number, we will cover multiple aspects from shape, space and measure; specifically, mass and capacity.

RE

This term in RE our topic is celebrations. Our key question is, 'How do people celebrate?' We will be learning all about the Chinese New Year, the Persian new year and we will look at the Hindu festival Holi.

Let's have a successful and enlightening term!
From Mrs Amoah and the reception class team!

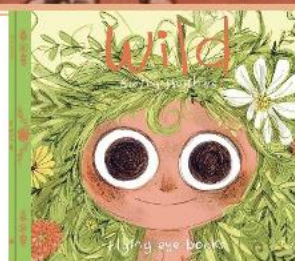
PE - Wednesday

Book Change - Wednesday

Understanding the world

During this term we will be learning about the festival of Chinese New Year. This is a lovely way to introduce the children to different aspects of the Chinese culture and again extend our ability to make comparisons. We will look at the winter and spring seasons and identify the features of both. We will also learn about and compare the life of children in different continents of the world to that of our own. We will explore the different foods, climates, homes, clothes and educational experiences they have.

Year 1 Newsletter - Spring 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a lovely and relaxing break during the Christmas holidays. As we start the new spring term, it has been wonderful to see the children come back to school raring to go! We look forward to building on the progress made, especially in reading.

Our **English** learning this term will be inspired by the key text: 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. After exploring the different story settings, events and characters through various activities, the children will write their own 'wild' adventure based on the structure of this text. They will be encouraged to use descriptive sentences with capital letters and full stop, finger spaces between words and accurate letter formation of a suitable size which sit on the line.

In addition to this learning, the children will answer questions about vocabulary, retrieval and inferential questions which will require them to read between the lines and deepen their understanding. In **phonics**, the children will continue their learning of phase 5 sounds.

In **maths** we will be learning the place value of numbers to 20 as well as addition and subtraction to 20. We will count on and back on a number line (counting in 2s, 5s and 10s), partition numbers using the part whole model, recall and use number bonds to 10 and 20 and compare and order numbers and number sentences. It would be helpful for children to continue to recall number bonds to 10 and 20 at home and to know the doubles to 10 off by heart.

In **RE** the children will be focusing on the theme 'Friendship'. They will identify and reflect upon times when they may have found it easy, and difficult to show friendship to others, and will deepen their learning by exploring through stories, times and situations when Jesus may have found it difficult. Our key question for this enquiry is: 'Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?'

In **Science**, we will be learning about materials. We will start by naming and sorting materials - wood, plastic, metal, glass, fabric etc. We will then move on to explore the properties of these materials asking - Is it absorbent? Is it waterproof? Is it flexible? In **History**, the children will be learning about the lives of significant individuals, with a specific focus on the extraordinary achievements of Mary Anning and David Attenborough.

Finally, this half-term Year 1 has the pleasure of hosting, Miss Shanks who is completing her teacher training.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Jacob and the Year 1 Team





Welcome back after the holidays and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you have had a good start to the New Year and that the children are ready to start another term of learning. 😊



What are we learning this half term?

English

This half term the children will be starting their learning with a story called Here Comes Frankie. I won't give too much away as this story and its plot will be revealed to the children over the course of the learning and we wouldn't want to spoil the surprise for anyone!

As the year goes on, we will increase the amount of time that the children are reading. The children have been and will continue to be read with in a Guided Reading group either once or on more occasions each week. We will also practise reading comprehension and the skills needed for the children to be fluent readers.

Please do continue to support your child's reading at home as much as you can. The progress they are making is amazing and your support really is a bonus!

Maths

The children are continuing their learning in Shape, where they will be discussing the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes. Following this, children will learn about the value of money and how to solve problems and give change, which I am sure they are going to be superstars!

We will also revisit other areas of learning from both Y1 and Y2 in each session to make sure that the children are revising their maths as much as possible.

Science

This half term the children will be learning about Animals, including Humans. They will begin this topic by understanding how to observe closely and making judgements on what they see. We will learn how animals and humans mature over time and what we need to stay alive.

Children will also be learning the importance of exercise and why we need to eat different foods.

R.E.

We will be looking and learning about Islam this term. Our learning in RE will look at the question, 'Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/her everyday life?' This unit will focus on the importance of prayer (Salah) on Muslim's lives and how most Muslims make a commitment to Allah in their daily prayer.

History

We will be starting our Great Fire of London topic by understanding what 'chronology' means and what historical sources we can use that tell us about the past. We will be learning how and where the fire started and how the fire has impacted on our lives today.

Home learning will be sent out each week, please support your child with this. These are learning their times-tables and practicing their weekly spellings. Homework will be sent out on Thursdays.

Year 3 Newsletter Spring Term 1

Predators!



In Maths this half term, we will be securing our understanding of multiplication and division. We will start by learning multiples of 10 and then relating this to other number facts. We will use a place value chart to help secure the children's understanding of number. During the measuring unit we will learn different units of measure and how to apply them when measuring the perimeter of shapes.

In English we will focus on the story 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl; where the children will use the text to support their writing of a news report. They will also use evidence from the text to help them write a character description. Finally, we will look at some poetry from 'Rudyard Kipling.'

In RE, we will be focusing on our key question 'Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?' We will use biblical texts to discuss different ways Christians might interpret Jesus' healing miracles.

During P4C we will be focusing on our Jigsaw puzzle: Dreams and Goals. We will look at how we might respect and admire people who overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams and goals. We will then think about how we will fulfil our own goals and follow the school vision of living life in its fullness!

As Scientists, during our topic 'Animals including Humans.' We will learn about the human body. We will learn to label parts of the body as well as some of the bones. Next the children will learn what makes a food chain and how they can be affected by the planet.

In Geography, we will be learning about 'Fieldwork- human and physical features. We will be learning about the 8 points of a compass and learning how to use a compass to locate humans and physical features in a place.

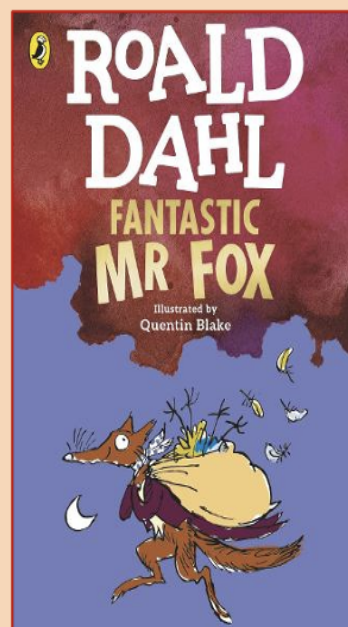
In History, we will be learning about the 'Changes in Britain from Stone Age to the Iron Age'. They will be focusing on key vocabulary and dive into the different periods of time. Year 3 will also look into the changes in artefacts, burials and monuments and find out what it tells us about the difference between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

In ART, Year 3 will be focusing on painting and drawing, where they will learn different techniques, such as creating marks using a range of materials, including paint.

In DT, Year 3 will be learning about 'Mechanical systems' focusing on levers and linkages. Their final outcome will be to build their own catapult, relating it back to their other subjects.

Please remember:

This term we will continue to have homework (Spellings, time's tables and a comprehension sheet). This will be given out on a Thursday.



We are looking forward to the spring term to start off a fantastic new year! If you have any questions then please make an appointment with the office.

Miss Atiya and the Year Three team.

Year 4 Newsletter - Spring 1

Dear Families,

We're heading back to 449 BCE, to get to know the Anglo Saxons and their way of life!

Our Learning

In **English**, we will use our class text, 'The Bluest of Blues', to help inspire our writing skills in diary entries, poetry, and autobiographies. In **Maths**, we will complete our block on Multiplication and Division, before moving on to Length and Perimeter. In **Science**, we will explore the digestive system, teeth and eating, and food chains. In **History**, we will study Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots focusing on chronology and causation. In **Geography**, we will be exploring rivers and their features as well as a local study of the River Thames. In **R.E**, we will investigate and discuss the enquiry question: What do Christians learn from the creation story? We will think about how Christians view the world and how special God's creations are.

Suggestions for parents/carers:

- Times tables (everything up to 12s is needed by the end of Year 4)
- Practise spellings
- Continue daily reading

Important reminders

- We will continue to swim at Poplar baths on **Friday afternoons** - Kindly note that children **must not** be wearing earrings and **must have** a swimming cap.
- Homework will be sent out every **Thursday** and should be returned by **Tuesday** the following week.

Finally, please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to us to discuss any points or queries.

I hope you, like us, are looking forward to a fantastic end to 2023 in Year 4!

Miss Cullen and the year 4 team

Year 6- Spring 1

Welcome back to another half term of learning in Year 6 and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you had a fantastic Christmas break and that the children are ready for another term of learning.

English

This half term will see the children using the text of *Clockwork* by Phillip Pullman in their English learning. The text is full of mystery and each lesson will leave the children wanting to know what happens next. The children will have different writing outcomes throughout the unit of learning, including letter writing, newspaper reports and producing their own stories.

To support the children with their reading, we will be using past SATS papers for our whole class shared reading, alongside completing past SATS papers and looking at how to answer the different questions in the papers.

Children will also continue to practise their spellings each week with a test on Friday.

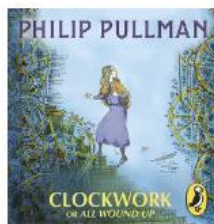
To support the children with their SPaG revision, we will also be looking at all areas of punctuation and grammar.

Maths

Children will be starting their maths learning with decimals where they will learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide with decimal numbers. We will then move on to learning about ratio.

Children will continue to be tested on their multiplication each week so please do ensure that children are logging on to TTRS.

We will also be practising our arithmetic ahead of SATS to ensure that the children can score highly on this paper during the tests.



R.E.

The children will be answering the key question: Science and Creation: Conflicting or complementary? This is a fantastic unit that allows the children to look at arguments of how both can complement each other with lots of philosophical questioning of different beliefs.

Science

In science, the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. This learning follows our new science scheme from the CUSP curriculum and will allow the children to learn lots of scientific, high-level vocabulary whilst learning about and observing living things and their habitats.

History & Geography

These will also be following our new curriculum from CUSP and will focus on the topics of Windrush in History and Earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes in Geography. Once more, the children will be given the opportunity to learn and use high-level vocabulary with a historical and geographical context.

**P.E. will be every
Tuesday and Friday
with our coaches from
West Ham.**

**Home Learning will be
set on Thursday and**