



Learning Challenge Curriculum

Our learning challenge theme for the first half of the Spring term is 'The Swinging 60s'! We will start off the topic by looking at 60s pop artist Andy Warhol and his work. We will create some pop art of our own using popular images from 2024! Next we will look at the life of astronaut Neil Armstrong and think about why what he did was so important. We will design and make moon buggies and we will even add wheels and an axle to see how far they can travel. In PE we will be learning a dance to a Beatles medley and we will also be learning to sing some of their most famous songs in our singing assemblies. In the second half of the Spring term, our theme will be 'Down the Garden Path'. We will be learning all about how plants grow and the different types of trees and plants that grow around our school. We will also do some observational drawings of plants and trees from different perspectives.

Mathematics

In Year 1, the children will continue to learn about the composition of numbers up to 10, how numbers can be partitioned in different ways, adding and subtracting within 10 and ordering and positioning numbers on a number line. In Year 2, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of multiplication and division, before moving onto learning about 3D shapes, money and fractions.



Literacy

In Literacy, we will be starting our 'Swinging 60s' theme by writing information texts and Non-Chronological reports about Andy Warhol and Neil Armstrong. We will learn lots of facts about their life and work, think about how these facts can be joined together with conjunctions and linked by using different headings. During 'Down the Garden Path', we will learn to write instructions for 'How to Plant a Seed'. We will read lots of instructional texts and practice following a range of instructions before writing our own. We will also explore writing recounts, where we will retell what we saw and did on our outdoor nature walk.

Science

In the first half of the Spring term, our topic will be 'Everyday Materials'. We start by understanding the difference between an object and the material that it is made from. Then we will spend some time naming everyday materials and discussing their properties, before choosing which materials will be most suitable to use when making our junk model moon buggies! In the second half of the Spring term, we will learn all about growing plants. We will find and name plants and trees that grow around our school, think about what seeds need to grow into plants and the different stages plants go through as they grow.



Attendance

Please make sure your child arrives in school for **8.50am and is picked up promptly at 3.20pm**. If you have any messages please pass them to the Teaching Assistant on the door and they will inform the class teacher. Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day and avoid taking holidays in term time. If your child is unwell, please ring school on **01904 806655 before 9am** and let us know.



How can you support your child's learning?

Please try to read with your child every day. We will change their books on **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY**. Please continue to learn the spellings that are sent home every week for the test on a Friday.



Things to remember each week

PE Days: **Seahorse and Dolphins – Tuesday and Friday. Octopus – Thursday and Friday.** Please ensure your child comes into school in their school uniform. They will get changed into their PE kits in school. Please make sure your child has either plimsolls or trainers in school on the PE days. **Snack** – School provides a healthy snack for all children every day. Children are welcome to bring in their own piece of fruit if they would like. **However, snacks such as cereal bars, chocolate biscuits, crisps and sweets are not appropriate. Water bottles** – If your child would like to bring a water bottle for them to access at break time and lunchtime, please bring one clearly named and labelled.

