



Kestrels Class + Ms Berry, Hedgehogs Class + Mrs Harris and Owls Class + Ms Woods

Welcome back from the Y1/2 Team

We hope you all had an enjoyable and fun-filled summer! We have an exciting Autumn Term planned with our topic Make It Move – Let's Go! This is split into mini topics over the term – these are Make it Move, Terrific Trains, Wonderful Wheels, and Up in the Air. We will also have a Book week (with visiting author), and we start with a Getting on Together week. Each block will cover all areas of the curriculum with lots of opportunities for practical hands-on activities and investigations. We are planning a trip on a steam train for 25th September and walks around Ivybridge to visit the 'old Ivybridge' and the old railway station/Brunel's railway and viaduct in Long Timber Woods.

Literacy

We will be teaching literacy in blocked units of work, the titles of which are: Instructions, Labels and Captions, Recounts, Stories, Poems that Rhyme, Narratives of a journey and Letter Writing. We will also be looking at the work of the author Quentin Blake, and illustrator Jez Alborough. Reading will be taught daily through guided reading and phonics sessions, developing the children's range of decoding and comprehension skills. We will make Phonics Bug books available for your child to read online at home – please see their logging on details in their journals.

Mathematics

Maths areas include number, calculation, shape and data handling. We will make maths come to life by using stories, real life problems and concrete/outdoor experiences. We will help children gain skills to solve problems in their heads as well as beginning to record their maths thinking using jottings and then more formal workings. Teaching will be differentiated to ensure the lessons challenge and support all children. Children will have opportunities to work alone and in groups.

Science

Our focus this term will be Thinking Scientifically. The children will be asking questions, making predictions and working scientifically. The investigations they plan and undertake will be linked to our topic work on wheels, water and air!

Computing

In computing lessons the children will be taught many basic IT skills, use Paint/Art and Design programmes and be aware of online safety. They will also use programmable toys, ipads and laptops to 'collect' information and research for project work.

Physical Education

We will swim once a week, on Mondays, in the first part of the autumn term. Later in the term our indoor PE will be Dance/drama. The focus for outdoor PE will be team games and tennis, and we hope to be able to use the facilities and expertise of the Tennis centre.

Other Curriculum

Geography – We will be finding out about the countries of the UK and the continents of the world. We will be drawing simple maps and looking at features on maps such as roads, railways, bridges, rivers, towns, fields and woods.

History – We will be learning about old and new transport, the invention of the wheel, the story of flight, IK Brunel and Amelia Earhart.

Art – We will be looking at the work of JMW Turner. Paintings we will study are Ivy Bridge; Rain, Steam and Speed; and The Fighting Temeraire.

RE – We will be thinking about things that are special to us in a topic titled – All About Me.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday, giving teachers enough time to mark the children's books, before returning them with new homework. On most occasions, homework will be related to work completed in school. Please ensure you hear your child read regularly from a range of sources which could include their school reading book, books from home, the internet, comics, brochures etc. Please comment regularly in your child's Planners.

Film Consent

To enhance the children's learning, we occasionally find it useful to show clips / entire films on DVD. Occasionally these are not rated U, although any material used is viewed by staff first and checked for suitability. We ask that if you have any queries, or do not wish your child to see these materials, that you let us know. If we hear nothing, we will assume that this is acceptable.

Finally

If you would like to help in your child's class generally and / or have special skills to offer such as cooking – please let us know! Your help will be welcomed and appreciated. Please keep in touch with us by making notes in your Planners – we love to hear about your child's achievements at home! Any questions can be asked too.

Dates

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| <p>TOPICS</p> <p>5.9.17 Getting on Together Week</p> <p>11.9.17 Make it Move (1 week)</p> <p>18.9.17 Terrific Trains (2 weeks)</p> <p>2.10.15 Wonderful Wheels (2 weeks)</p> <p>16.10.17 Book Week (1 week)</p> <p>30.10.17 Explosions in the Sky (2 weeks)</p> <p>13.11.17 Up in the Air (2 weeks)</p> <p>27.11.17 Sleighs and Christmas (3 weeks)</p> | <p>IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YEAR 1/2</p> <p>20.9.17 Meet the team</p> <p>25.9.17 Travel by Train –visit to Buckfastleigh Steam Railway</p> <p>26.9.17 European Day Of Languages (Spain)</p> <p>12.10.17 Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>16.10.17 Book Week</p> <p>19.10.17 Apple Tea - parents invited</p> <p>7.12.17 Christmas Performance</p> <p>8.12.17 Children's Christmas Lunch</p> |
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