

## PHONICS

Pupils will continue to have a daily phonics session where we will revise all graphemes (letter/s that represent a sound e.g. oa). We will recognise what the grapheme looks like, learn the sound and then apply this knowledge to our reading and spelling. Children will look at diagraphs that sound the same but are written differently, such as 'ou' and 'ow'. Some children will be invited to intervention groups to support their fluency in these sounds.

## READING

Individual and guided reading will continue throughout the next term in order to encourage the children to develop their word recognition and comprehension skills. Please ensure you read with your child at least three times a week and use your reading guide for top tips!

## PE

PE will continue on Monday and Thursday for Rainbows End. Sunburst and Stepping Stones will continue with PE on Monday and Tuesday. Please cover earrings in tape for safety reasons. Our indoor PE will continue with pirate fitness and outside will focus on balls skills with LCFC.

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will be making delicious and healthy smoothies! We will be using different skills such as cutting and juicing to create them.

## YEAR 1 – SUMMER TERM 2024

We continue to look forward to working with you and your children. As you can see, we have another very busy term ahead and we hope that the information provided can help you to support your child with their learning at home.

### Year 1 staff:

Sunburst – Miss Pearson  
Rainbows End – Mrs Wilkinson/Mrs Spencer  
Stepping Stones – Mrs Merz  
Teaching assistants: Miss Bedford

## DATES FOR DIARY

Rainbow's End class assembly- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Parent's Event letter- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April (**reply needed**)  
10<sup>th</sup> June- phonics screening test.

## HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to be given out on Fridays, on Microsoft Teams. It is important that children are supported when completing their homework and that it is completed to a high standard to consolidate skills learnt in class.

## MUSIC

We will continue to listen to different types of music and we will encourage the children to express opinions and preferences about a variety of music.

## ART

This term, our topic will be painting and mixed media: colour splash. In this unit, children learn about primary and secondary colours, colour mixing techniques, and applying these skills in painting and printing.

## ENGLISH

In this term we will focus on three texts, 'Billy and the Dragon' Nadia Shireen, 'Coming to England' Floella Benjamin and 'Paddington' Michael Bond. We will be supporting the children to write in a range of different ways including diaries, character descriptions and exciting action scenes. We will encourage the children to improve their writing with adjectives, adverbs and similes.

## **MATHS**

Every day the children will practise and develop oral and mental skills e.g. counting, mental strategies, rapid recall of + and - facts. We will be covering the following skills:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Multiplication
- Division
- Halves and quarters
- Position and direction
- Numbers to 100
- Time
- Money

## **HANDWRITING**

We will continue to encourage the children to form their letters using continuous cursive handwriting. We will practise using the correct formation and encourage the children to sit their writing on the line. We will also encourage pupils to show clear ascenders and descenders.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

Our geography work this term is all about the weather in the UK. We will look at the 4 seasons and how that changes what we can do and what we wear. We will be naming the 4 countries of the UK and finding them in an atlas. We will be looking at the 4 directions on a compass and we will use a compass to find our way around school!

## **SCIENCE**

This term, the children will be completing their topic 'seasonal changes'. This links really nicely to their geography topic and the weather around them. Children will be learning about the seasons and the different type of weather. Towards the end of the term, we will move onto plants.

## **HISTORY**

In our history lessons, we will look at how explorers have changed the world. We will learn about a range of explorers from different time periods including Christopher Columbus and Ellen McArthur. We will be learning about the trips they have taken and equipment they would have used, thinking about how this has changed over time.

## **R.E**

We will be looking at different faith communities and religious ceremonies. We will ask the children to share the different communities that they are a part of and what it means to them. We will be looking at ceremonies such as baptism and weddings in different communities.

## **ICT**

We will be looking at a keyboard and the different ways we can use them to record information. We will type, delete and change the position of our work. After half term, we will look at the beginnings of designing programs. We will practise making commands and running different programs.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Please apply sun cream to your child on hot days. Ensure that they have a water bottle with them every day and a sun hat.