



Robins, Kingfishers and Little Owls



Year 1/2 News



Welcome to Spring Term 4 2019

Welcome back to the Spring term, we hope you had a lovely break with your children and that they are refreshed and ready for more learning! Easter is around the corner and there are so many exciting things we will be learning about this half term.

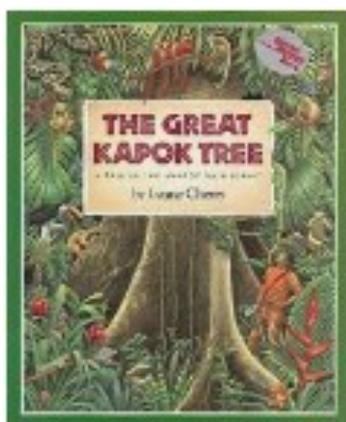
This terms topic:

Where in the World would you like to live?

For this topic the children will be focusing on world geography. They will be finding out about the continents and we will be using apps to find countries.

We will also be comparing two counties and describing the traditional clothing, food and buildings from a variety of different countries.

To help us to learn about different countries we will be reading *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry.



Spring Term 4 2019 Important Dates

- 25th Feb**– First day back
- 1st March**– Book People bus
- 25th March**– Parent consultation
- 27th March**– Parent consultation
- 5th April**– Chocolate Bingo
- 10th April**– KS1 Easter Service at Church
- 12th April**– KS1 Planting Showcase

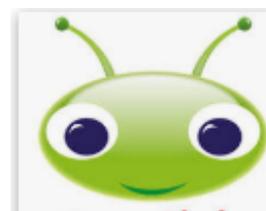
Bug Club

Please remember to access Bug Club at home. This is a great reading resource which not only helps to build fluency but also has a range of questions to challenge the children.

Helpers!

A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents that have offered help with readers and swimming over the last half term it has been greatly appreciated.

If you are able to offer your help please chat to your child's class teacher.



English and Maths

English

During the half term we will be focusing on instructions. We will be reading a range of instructions and looking at the features. We will also be thinking about why instructions are written and who they are aimed at. We will be writing our own instructions using subtitles, imperative verbs, numbers and bullet points.

For our fiction focus we will be reading *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sandak. The children will be learning to recite the story using a story map and then writing their own version.

Science: What animals might we find in the rainforest?

The children will be finding out about different habitats. We will be linking this work with our geography work by researching the animals in a variety of different countries and what features each animal has.



Computing

To help with our work about animals from around the world the children will be using computers to collect, display and interpret data on different animals.

The children will be using Excel to support their work on data.

Maths

Throughout the half term we will be doing work on capacity, mass and temperature and using this to link in with our geography work. We will also be learning about fractions and splitting shapes into a given fractions. We will also be finding fractions of an amount.

We will be also learning to tell the time using an analogue clock as well as a digital clock.



Homework

In order to support your child with their learning we encourage parents to hear their child read and write a comment in their Learning Journal. This makes a big difference in the children's ability to understand the meaning of tricky words and decode words that are unfamiliar.



Please remember to write any learning you do with your child in their Learning Journal.

It is also helpful to practice the 2, 5 and 10 times table in order for your child to become fluent and multiplying.

For extra maths work please check out the <https://www.interactive-resources.co.uk/>

website for games that will be linked to the areas of maths we will be learning this term.



DT, P.E, PSHE and RE topics:

Art: During the term we will be focusing on the African skill of weaving. The children will be learning how to weave and creating African inspired wall hangings.

P.E: During the term the children will be learning how to balance and learning counter balancing skills.



PSHE: The children will be thinking about how they can contribute to the life of the class. They will be thinking about the classroom rules and understanding what is meant by fair and unfair.

RE: In RE we will be thinking about how we show we care for others. We will be thinking about different practices and how other cultures ensure they care for others.

Visit our Website!

Please visit the website for up-to-date information and important dates. Class teachers will also update your child's class page with information and pictures of recent learning to keep you on track with what we are doing on school.

Please also contact the office if you change your email address so you are able to receive on-line correspondence from school.



Reading Time

We encourage you to bring your child into class at 8:45 to sit and enjoy a reading book with them. This is a really key time of the day and sets the day off well for the children.

We are always keen to discuss any concerns with you however if you feel that this is something that you wish to spend some time on please arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher.

PE and swimming kits

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for PE and swimming. White tee shirt and black pumps and shorts and their hat towel and costume.

It is really important that your child has their swimming kit on the correct day. If they need to miss swimming due to illness please ensure you let the teacher know.

Your swimming day is as follows:

Mon: Kingfishers and Little Owls

Wed: Robins



Rapid Recall-
Remember to check your child's reading diary to keep a record of what step they are on. Keep practicing at home to help them move to the next level!

Common Exception Words

During the year we will be supporting your children with learning words that do not always follow the phonic rules.

It would really help your child to support this learning at home through small but regular practice of these words.

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the	they	one	door	gold	plant	clothes
a	be	once	floor	hold	path	busy
do	he	ask	poor	told	bath	people
to	me	friend	because	every	hour	water
today	she	school	find	great	move	again
of	we	put	kind	break	prove	half
said	no	push	mind	steak	improve	money
says	go	pull	behind	pretty	sure	Mr
are	so	full	child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
were	by	house	children	after	eye	parents
was	my	our	wild	fast	could	Christmas
is	here		climb	last	should	everybody
his	there		most	past	would	even
has	where		only	father	who	
I	love		both	class	whole	
you	come		old	grass	any	
your	some		cold	pass	many	

Outdoor Learning

As the weather warms up and the rain stops we would like to start taking the learning outside far more. Although we are all hoping for it to stay dry it would be helpful for you to ensure your child has a water-proof in school so that they can enjoy their learning outside.



Workshops

We are really excited to be inviting parents to a planting workshop throughout the term. The children will be planting seeds on pots and getting the raised beds ready to start planting vegetables. We really hope you will be able to come and share in your children's learning.

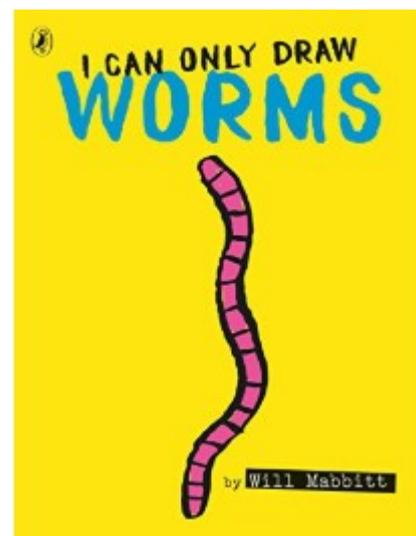


Thank you to the parents that have offered suggestions for future workshops. We will ensure that we follow through with suggestions.

Recommended Reads for Year 1 and 2

I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt

A hysterically funny book about worms and the amazing adventures which the writer invites the reader to imagine. A clever picture book which is good for reading again and again.



Please remember that your child will be invited to go to the school library every other week to choose a book that they like the look of.