

Curriculum Information

Plum Class- Summer 2 2022

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Firstly, a big welcome back to our final half term! We hope you've had a lovely break and managed to enjoy the Jubilee celebrations! It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the school year and this is the 'final push' for the children to consolidate all of their prior knowledge and apply their skills in all areas, before they transition into Year 1 and Year 2. Wow – now there's a scary thought! How quickly has this year gone?

As the weather begins to warm up (hopefully), please ensure that your child has a sun hat and sun cream to keep in their bag and please bring a named water bottle every day.

Read, Write, Inc/English

During Summer 1 the children have worked really hard to develop their sentence writing and we've had a continued focus on including red words in our writing as well as remembering to use finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and blending our sounds together. Lots of us still need to practice this and so we will continue to work with children at their own pace whilst also ensuring that those children who are confident sentence writers are now beginning to write with more independence and imagination! It would be hugely beneficial if you could continue working with your child on writing sentences at home with growing independence. Maybe they could write a shopping list? A story? A description? Reading also continues to be a big focus and the children are continuously working on blending confidently to read.

Mathematics

Reception- In our mathematical work, we will be spending time consolidating all of the mathematical skills we've learnt throughout the year and giving the children plenty of opportunities to demonstrate their skills. In addition to this, we will be doubling, halving and sharing fairly into equal groups. We'll also learn to count in 2's, and 10s.

Year 1- This half term will be all about consolidating our knowledge of place value within 50. We have spent lots of time this year making sure the children have a sound understanding of place value. As well as this we will revisit our learning from reception and learn to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will be sharing fairly into equal groups as well as learning how to half and quarter amounts. As the Summer term progresses the children will learn to tell time on the hour and half hour.

The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

Topic Work- Castles (year 1), Seaside/Jungle adventures (reception) and Healthy Me (year 1 and reception)

This half term plum class will spend time exploring the castles and coastal areas of Northumberland and around the country. Year 1 will be in charge of learning about castles and Reception will be in charge of exploring the coast/seaside with specific emphasis on seaside adventures of the past.

Within our 'castles' topic, children will learn about the various features of castles, why castles were built, who lived in them and how they are different from where we live. We will also look into the history of Harry Hotspur and investigate local landmarks.

Within our 'seaside' topic we will be sharing our memories of the seaside in the past and creating our own visual response to our sensory experiences at the seaside. We will be making and creating our own responses to music inspired by Debussy's La Mer as well as testing which materials would be best for a swimsuit.

Moving on to our 'jungle' topic, we will be exploring jungle animals and their habitats – revisiting vocabulary such as 'camouflage' and 'habitat' as we research jungle weather climates and where different animals may live. There will be opportunities for lots of painting and collaging, as well as setting up our own campsite, carefully considering what items would be needed for a jungle expedition. This will lead in to our preparation for transition into Year 1 as we consider what tools the children can take with them into Year 1 to help them in their next adventure.

TOPIC request- As we will be learning about castles in year 1, please can all year 1 children bring in a cardboard box and a few other junk materials (e.g. yoghurt pots or kitchen roll tubes etc) in order for them to make their own castle. Junk materials will need to be brought in a named carrier bag by Friday 17th June.

The Physical Stuff

Reception only will continue to take part in NUF coaching sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

Reception and Year 1 will have teacher led PE sessions on Thursday mornings.

Year 1 only will be taking part in Athletics and Fitness with Newcastle United Foundation on Friday mornings.

Please remember to send the children to school in their PE kit as per the website.

Reception - come to school in PE kit on Tuesday

Reception and Year 1 - come to school in PE kit on Thursday

Year 1 only- come to school in PE kit on Friday

Summer adventure: Every week five children (chosen at random) will bring home a plum class teddy for a weekend "Summer adventure". All we ask is that children have fun with their teddy, (this can be as simple as showing teddy their toys at home or taking teddy for a Summer walk- it really doesn't have to be anything extraordinary!) add pictures and write a short description of their adventures in their teddies "summer passport". When chosen, your child will receive their teddy on a Friday. Please bring the teddy and its passport back to school by Tuesday the following week so that your child can tell us about what they got up to. The aim of this weekly adventure is for the children to gain confidence standing in front of others whilst being able to confidently articulate their ideas/thoughts and for others to ask questions. We know how much the children are going to LOVE taking home the teddies and we can't wait to see what you get up to. Remember, you don't have to do anything different to your normal weekend routine! This is simply a bit of fun for the children.

Weekly homework tasks:

- **Reading-** please encourage your child to read their reading book as much as possible. If they have read this confidently plenty of times, **please continue to access Bug Club**
- Have a go at reading and writing red words from red word walls 1,2,3 and 4 (these are on Plum class page if you need them)
- **Spellings (year 1 only)-** Please continue to support your child by helping them to practice their spellings ready for their weekly test on Fridays.
- **Maths homework-** each week I will set a different challenge. One week it might be a Numicon challenge, one week it might be to access Numbots and the next it may be to have a go at a game on the White Rose maths app called "1 minute maths". You can download this app in your play store or app store for free!
- **You may need to update Numbots to the latest version- to v2.1.75 or above.** By updating, your child will have access to the new challenge mode. Have fun!

Other ways of helping your child:

- Visiting the library to look for books to support our topic (castles, seaside, jungle and healthy me)
- Using the Internet to research our topic
- Discussing what has been taught at school (you can read plum class blog each week to find out about what we have learnt during the week)

Remember we are always here if you have any concerns or questions. You can contact me via email or we can arrange a phone conversation if you would prefer.

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