

Curriculum Information

Plum Class- Spring 2 2022

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Welcome back to another half term (they seem to be flying by), I hope you all had a happy and relaxing half term. **Just a quick reminder, please do remember to check out Plum class page on the website to access the weekly blog and maths homework. You can also access lots of resources to help your child's learning at home!**

Read, Write, Inc

Reception friends- Now that we know all of the Set 1 sounds we are going to begin learning Set 2 sounds (ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy). We will focus on learning three sounds per week (Monday-Wednesday) and consolidate our learning on Thursday and Friday. As we learn our set 2 sounds, we will recap and consolidate set 1 as well as practicing correct sentence structure (capital letters, finger spaces and full stops). After we have learnt all of set 2 sounds we will move onto perfecting our reading and writing in our "green get writing books".

Don't forget to read your book bag book every week for practice and return these by Wednesday the following week so we have time to read with your child and give them their new book by the Friday. If you feel your child has read their book several times and can read with confidence, don't forget to **access Bug Club online**. If you need a reminder of your child's login, please let me know.

Year 1 friends are working really hard to consolidate and perfect set 1 and 2 sounds. They are also working really hard to perfect their sentence writing. This includes saying what they want to write about first, holding a sentence, writing it down and then checking to see if it makes sense and has accurate punctuation (capital letters, finger spaces, full stop). Some year 1 friends have moved on to learning set 3 sounds and this half term will continue to consolidate those.

Mathematics

Reception friends- This half term will have a continued focus on numbers 9 and 10. We will develop our knowledge of number bonds, how to write number stories (e.g. $5 + 3 = 8$), one more one less, number order, comparing number and we will work on our problem solving skills. As the half term progress' we will revisit our learning on 2D shapes and learn more about 3D shapes and their properties. We will also spend time developing our understanding of pattern and how patterns can change.

In Year 1 we will be consolidating our knowledge on place value within 20 and we will be continuing our learning of addition and subtraction within 20. After this we will move onto place value within 50. When we work on developing our number knowledge, we learn to count forwards and backwards from any given number, work out one more and one less, practice writing and working out number stories, we compare groups of number and so much more.

As the half term progress' children will learn and develop their understanding of length and height. They will use vocabulary such as: long, short, tall, tallest.

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.

Don't forget, you can see the subject aims on our medium term planning on the school website. Visit plum class page and go to curriculum information.

Topic Work-

Amazing Africa

This half term we will revisit the continents of the world and will be exploring Africa in depth. We will begin by looking at its scale (compared to the UK) and look at the location of various countries. After this we will explore non-fiction texts (and learn about their features) to give us inspiration for what we want to learn about moving forward. We will also be learning more about the country Kenya, all it has to offer and we will spend time comparing Africa to life in Alnwick and Northumberland.

Over the next few weeks we will learn about the regions, landscapes, weather, food, cultures, people and their daily life. Year one will do lots of research so that they can make their own information text/fact file book. When we learn about the people of Africa, we will spend time comparing the life of children, people and their jobs to those in Alnwick.

In science work, year 1 children will continue to investigate the properties of materials and record their findings in a Venn Diagram and look at the uses of materials in and around school. They will read the story of *The Three Little Pigs* and consider the suitability of materials for different purposes in relation to the straw house, the stick house and the brick house.

As the weather warms up we will continue to explore seasonal change looking for signs of Spring in the school grounds and considering which clothes and fabrics we wear in different seasons.

The Physical Stuff

Reception will now be taking part in NUF coaching sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

Year 1 will be taking part in NUF coaching sessions on Tuesday morning and then gymnastics on Thursday mornings.

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

I know how much plum class love to take part in team games so we will continue to get outside to develop our gross motor skills, work together and develop various movement skills (skipping, hopping, running, jumping etc) where possible during the week.

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

Year one only - come to school in PE kit on Thursday

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 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)
- **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 to have a go at a game on **the new White Rose app- 1 minute maths.** **You can download this app in your play store or app store for free!**

Don't forget- Reception friends can upload a picture of them taking part in homework to their learning journal and year 1 friends can email me a picture.

Other ways of helping your child:

- Visiting the library to look for books to support our topic.
- 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)
- Playing English and Maths games on our virtual learning environment at www.school360.co.uk.

Reminders:

- Don't forget to read the school newsletter to find out about school news and competitions!
- Could we also politely remind you that our school day starts at 8.35. If the door is closed by the time you arrive the only entrance will be via the office. The doors will be closed by 8.45 to ensure that we are able to get on with our busy day!

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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