

Curriculum Information

Plum Class- Summer 1 2022

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Welcome back to another half term, I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday. The weather seems to be getting a bit brighter so here's hoping for a sunnier Summer term at Swansfield!

Just a quick reminder, please remember to check out Plum class page on the website to access the weekly blog, maths homework and spellings (year one only starting this week). You can also access lots of resources to help your child's learning at home!

Read, Write, Inc/English

In RWI, children in Plum class are making wonderful progress and on behalf of myself, Mrs Hammond and Mrs Snowdon we are very proud of you all.

As we progress into Summer term, Reception children working with Miss Freeman will now be working from the "green get writing books" during RWI sessions. Children will start with a carpet session that will allow opportunity for sound recap, blending practice (to read words) and red word practice. We will then listen to a story as further stimulus for our reading and writing. Mrs Hammond's group will also be continuing to work through the green get writing books.

Mrs Snowdon's group will be working through the pink get writing books in the same way.

What's great about the get writing books is that the children have the opportunity to work as a team to read and when writing, they have time to correct mistakes made.

In our English work, year one will develop their knowledge of explanations and have a go at writing their own using our topic work as stimulus. We intend to explore a variety stories, poems and non-fiction texts to support this.

Mathematics

Reception- This half term we will be developing our number knowledge from 10-20 and beyond. We will practice counting, ordering numbers, comparing numbers, representing numbers and we will be learning about how numbers 11 and beyond are made up (tens and ones). We will then move onto addition and subtraction and the importance of number stories.

Year 1- Last half term we didn't move onto place value within 50 as we spent lots of time consolidating place value and addition/subtraction within 20. Moving forward we will continue to develop our place value within 20 and move forward to within 50. We will be counting forwards and backwards, ordering numbers, representing numbers and comparing numbers by using the symbols < > and =. As well as all of this, there will be daily opportunities to practice and develop previously learnt skills.

On Thursdays and Fridays, we will continue to develop other mathematical skills. Last half term we developed our knowledge on capacity and volume and began to learn more about lengths and heights. This half term we will continue to learn more about measurement and be learning how to measure using a ruler. We will then practice our spatial reasoning by developing our knowledge on position and direction.

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- Spring to Summer, growing our own food and life cycles (all children), mini beasts (reception only), Animals and living things (year 1 only)

This half term is only a short 5 weeks and so we have a lot of learning to fit in. We will begin with a Spring focus by recapping some key vocabulary (Spring, changes, new life, blossom, bloom, bud, flower). Then we will swiftly move onto learning about living things. Reception will focus on the life cycle of a frog and butterfly and then move onto learning more about minibeasts and their habitats. Year 1 children will also be learning about life cycles, minibeasts and habitats but when learning about animals and their life cycles the children will spend more time looking at/ comparing the structure of the animals.

Don't forget to check the medium term plans on the plum class page to see our aims and objectives and other curriculum focuses.

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 cricket sessions on Thursday afternoons.

Year 1 only will be taking part in Striking and Fielding, 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

TOPIC HOMEWORK-

Can all children bring in (or email me) a photo from when they were a baby and a photo when they were a bit younger (age 3 perhaps). We will be sharing these as we learn about life cycles and growth.

Please bring in/email your pictures by Friday 13th May.

Weekly homework tasks:

NEW: SPELLINGS YR 1 ONLY- each week I will set five spellings that children should learn and practice writing at home for the following week. Just like our maths homework, I will set the spellings on Friday (**on plum class page on the school website under home learning**), giving you a week to learn them ahead of our spelling test the following Friday.

- **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)
- **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!

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 (life cycles, animals and living things, minibests)
- 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:

- Now that the weather is warming up, please ensure that your child has a sun hat and sun cream to keep in their bag
- Please bring a named water bottle every day
- Please arrive promptly for 8.35 so we can start our day. If you are running late, please drop your child at the main entrance

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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