Spring 1 Curriculum overview 2024



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Curriculum Area	Focus this half term	Opportunities for home learning
English	Beegu by Alexis Deacon BEEGU	Regular reading at home -Phonic sounds and tricky word cards phase 3 and current phase 5 on a weekly basis -Names of the letters (alphabet) Create own alien words using sounds of the week
	This two-week Writing Root opens with the teacher informing the children that a friendly alien is on the loose somewhere in the local vicinity and needs our help. Children describe the alien before writing letters of advice. The teacher also explains that the alien is learning English and speaks in words which are close in sound to the English words. Children have to work out which words the alien could mean and write an alien dictionary. Children make sock puppets of their own alien and write reports on these before writing their own narrative based on the story shape of Beegu.	Create a sentence orally and then count on your fingers how many words in the sentence. Now repeat the sentence and check the number of fingers. This is a super sentence! Try writing. Remember finger spaces between each word/finger, capital letter and full stop.
	The odd egg The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett. All the birds have eggs to hatch. All except Duck. When Duck is delighted to find an egg of his own to look after: it's the most beautiful egg in the whole world! But all the other birds think it's a very odd egg indeed - and everyone's in for a big surprise when it finally hatches. It would be particularly beneficial to cover this during the late spring near to Easter and linking to themes of 'new life' or when learning about animals and their young.	Bug Club books will shortly be available online using your logins from last year-these will be matched to your child's level Practise spelling your sound cards Phase 2 Actions for Sounds Phase 2 (pearsoncmg.com) Phase 3 Actions for Sounds Phase 3 (pearsoncmg.com)

Within this sequence of learning, children begin by identifying different types of eggs and predicting who they might belong to, before exploring the text and its many PSHCE and Scientific links. The final outcome is for children to make a non-fiction 'Egg Spotter's Guide' after researching different types of eggs from the book.

Phonics

We will spend this half term learning some of our phase 5 new sounds and revisiting sounds where we have identified gaps from phase 3 and 4. We will also be learning the tricky words from phase 4 and 5. Please practise the two new sounds on a weekly basis as we rapidly move on through the half term. If you have misplaced your phonics/tricky word cards from last year then please come and see us.

New tricky words

Who, again, thought, through, here, school, push, pull, full, put, worked, laughed, because, thirteen and thirty

Maths

Place value within twenty

- Count within 20
- Understand 10, 11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20
- 1 more and 1 less
- The number line to 20
- Use a number line to 20
- Estimate on a number line to 20
- Compare numbers to 20
- Order numbers to 20

Addition and subtraction (within twenty)

- Add by counting on within 20
- Add ones using number bonds
- Find and make number bonds to 20
- Doubles Step 5 Near doubles
- Subtract ones using number bonds
- Subtraction counting back
- Subtraction finding the difference
- Related facts
- Missing number problems

White Rose app- Free to use

Quick recall of number bonds -'I say 7, you say 3'

Practically adding and subtracting with items at home- sweets, marbles, lego pieces etc.

Science

Materials

- Naming common Materials paper, plastic, wood, glass, metal, fabric, stone
- Distinguishing the material from the object eg a table is made of wood, a dress is made of fabric
- Sorting objects by material
- To know the properties of some materials and suggest some of the purposes they are used for (exceeding statement)
- Use of materials
- Introduce characteristics of materials e.g. strong, flexible bendy, rigid, soft, hard, rough, smooth, shiny

	 Choosing materials for a purpose. Which materials would be appropriate for house hold objects eg spoons? Which materials are not suitable? why Use of materials 		
	 Describe the properties and uses of common materials. Working in small groups – list the properties of your material and common uses. 6 groups – wood, plastic, paper, metal, stone, fabric Common properties 		
	• Grouping/sorting materials by their properties eg grouping bendy materials, soft materials.		
	Materials for a purpose — design and makes houses		
RE	Sikhism		
	Special people – considering who is special to us friends and family		
	Why is Jesus special to Christians?		
	Introducing Guru Nanak		
	Guru Nanak ant the cobra		
	Guru Nanak feeds the hungry		
	Guru Nunak and the cows		
Geography	Geography – what is human and physical geography		
	Comparing physical and human characteristics		
	Sorting human and physical features		
	Physical features rivers, coasts, mountains.		
	Human features Villages, towns, cities.		
	Map symbols		
	Design a map		
PSHE	Healthy eating		
	• exercise		
	• food groups		
	• hygiene routines		
	• sun safety		
	• sleep		
Computing	Moving a robot		
. 3	• Lesson1 Buttons		
	• Lesson 2 Directions		
	Lesson 3 Forward and backwards		
	Lesson 4 Four directions		
	• Lesson 5 Getting there		
	• Lesson 6 Routes		
PE	Dance		