

YEAR 1



Hello and welcome back, we hope you had a great Easter break.

This term we will continue to have fun whilst we are learning. Mrs Bell will teach you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Jackson will teach you Thursdays and Fridays. Our super teaching assistants are Mrs Legon and Mr Swindell who will be in class everyday.

Physical Education

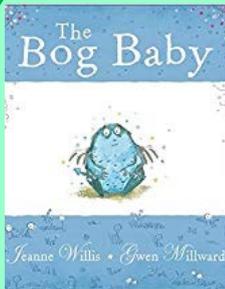
P.E. will take place every **Wednesday** with Mrs Barfoot. Please make sure you have an indoor and outdoor kit as we will go outside even if the weather is cold. Please make sure your child can change themselves both into their kit and back into their uniform. If you know your child struggles with either shoes or tights, please send them in uniform that they are able to change themselves on P.E. days.

Please label all P.E. kit.

Lessons will focus on co-ordination, ball skills and fitness.



English

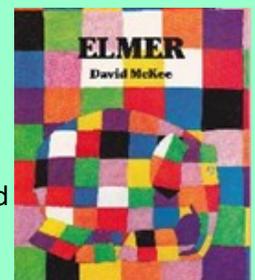


This half term we will be reading and studying the book 'The Bog Baby'. This is a magical story with a serious message about what it means to really love something. When two small sisters decide to go fishing in the magic pond, they find something unexpected and much better than a frog or a newt: they find a bog baby. Small and blue with wings like a dragon, the girls love him with a passion and make a pact to make him their secret. But the bog baby is a wild thing, and when he becomes poorly, one of the girls breaks silence and tells their mum. And she teaches them the greatest lesson, if you really love something, you have to do the best for it and let it go....

We will use this wonderful core text as a stimulus to write poetry, a recount and non fiction report. Focus will be on capital letters, full stops, fingers spaces, up-levelling using openers and conjunctions.

In Summer 2, we will be reading Elmer. Elmer the elephant is a colourful character. His optimism and sense of humour keep the entire community in a cheery mood. And Elmer's unusual multi-coloured checkerboard body is the wonder of all the other elephants, who are just grey. In spite of his sunny disposition, Elmer begins to feel conspicuous. He starts to believe the others are laughing at him because of his crazy patchwork coat. When Elmer discovers a bush in the jungle with elephant-coloured berries, he shakes the bush and rolls in a berry mash until he is as grey as the others. Now no one seems to notice him; for a time he enjoys his anonymity, but after a while he begins to realise just how quiet and dull things are when he's not around.

We will use this core text to inspire our writing through poetry, stories, recounts and instructions.



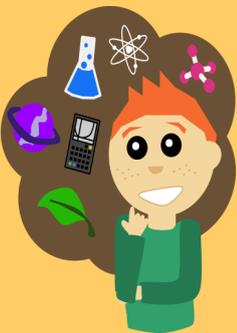
In phonics we will continue to work on phase 5 of the Letters and Sounds Program, with a greater focus on blending to read and segmenting to write. Revising and using all those difficult new graphemes we have been learning for phonemes. Don't forget to keep practising both reading and spelling the tricky words.

Maths

This term we will be looking at number and place value up to 100, we will work on developing our counting skills and mental maths skills including, addition and subtraction whilst using our number bonds knowledge to help us. The children will develop quick mental maths skills and then apply this learning to solve words problems, including money problems. We will spend time learning about multiplication and division (sharing fairly) and how these are related facts. We will focus on multiples of 2, 5 & 10s. The children will spend some time learning about simple fraction as well as some practical use of measures; learning about time, capacity, weight and length.



Science



During Summer term we will learn about a range of science topics including plants, humans and other animals and living things. We will be learning about how seeds and bulbs change as they grow, the seeds we planted together in class will be ready for planting outside in our allotment bed. As we look after our seedlings, we will think about what they need to stay healthy. We will look at what animals need to do to stay healthy, what they eat and other needs. We will look at animal babies and think about a food chain. Throughout our science lessons we will look at a range of famous scientists and discuss the impact of their work.

Geography



In Geography we will think about weather including recognising weather symbols and looking more closely at some extreme weathers such as tornadoes and droughts.

The children will learn all about the location of Australia with a focus on the Great Barrier Reef. We will continue with our mapping skills alongside learning about using a compass.

History

We will continue to learn about a wide range of people and events that have impacted on our lives. We will focus on World War I, learning about some of the key events of the conflict. Discover the importance of Martin Luther King's actions in order to support equal human rights for everyone. We will study Sylvia Erle the conservationist who brought to the world's attention the huge amount of plastic on the oceans. Lastly, we will look at the first aeroplanes and the first moon landing.



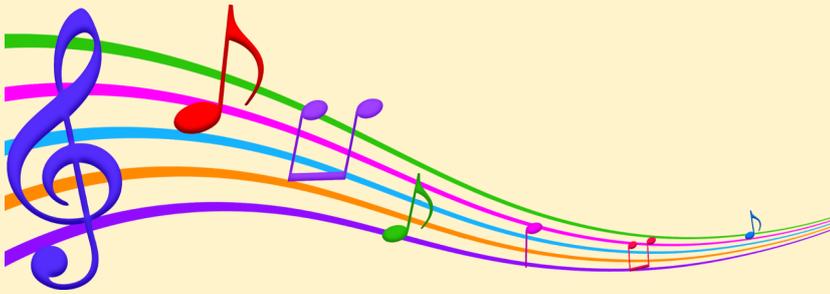
Music



This term we will learn to play the ocarina. This is an instrument similar in sound to a recorder but with only four holes, it is easier for children to learn. As we learn the ocarina, the children will be able to hear different tempo and pitch, use their knowledge of rhythm and beat whilst learning to follow

some musical notation. Each

child will have an ocarina which will be cleaned regularly and used exclusively by one child.



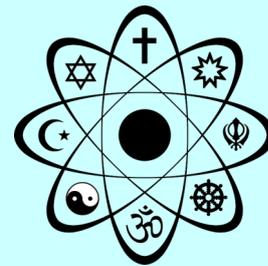
Art and Design

In Art we will look at the theme 'flowers'. We will learn about artists that use flowers as inspiration to draw and make our own flower prints.

Towards the end of the Summer term we will explore the theme 'dreams'.

We will explore surrealism and art inspired by dreams by famous artists such as Salvador Dalí, Jaume Plensa and Henry Fuseli to create our own sculptures.

In Design and Technology we will be designing, making and evaluating our own moving pictures.



Religious Education

In R.E. this term our unit is titled 'Special Things in Nature'. We will think about the special things in the world around us and then focus on how different religions think about the wonder of nature. We will learn about and compare the Christian, Hindu and Muslim creation stories.

Computing

Mrs Watkins will teach the class to code using Scratch and to program the Beebot mini robots using the Beebot app.



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This term we will think about Growth mindset; thinking of when we have taken on a challenge, persevered and then succeeded. We will think how we can apply this to our learning. We will also think about growing and changing, ways to communicate and keeping safe, from good handwashing and safe sneezing to road safety and safety in the home or school. Finally we think about transition ready for the start of the next academic year.

Learning At Home



In Phonics we encourage the children to regularly revisit all sounds covered so far as well as using them to blend and segment words containing them. Try www.ictgames.co.uk or phonicsplay.co.uk to play fun phonic games to help your child consolidate their learning. To ensure all children have good writing habits we would like them to practise writing both of their names as well as making sure that the correct letter formation is used when writing any letter. Practise developing Maths skills such as counting forwards and backwards from any given number. Play number board games and encourage quick recall of number facts such as bonds to 10, quick addition and subtraction as well as doubles. Real life experience of Maths is a great opportunity to develop their skills. There are some fun English and Maths games on topmarks.co.uk and ictgames.com that your child will enjoy!

During the summer term we will add some phonic activities to GC so that you can see what sounds we are covering in school and then practise these with your child. There will be word lists that you can practise reading **and** spelling. We also ask that you regularly (daily if possible) read with and to your child. Also see the homework menu for more learning ideas to do at home.

Google Classroom

We have all become better accustomed to using Google Classroom to share homework and wordlists. **(In line with health & safety guidelines, homework books and reading records will not be allowed back in school once they have been taken home)**

*Newsletters and other relevant information will also be shared via GC

*Login details have been supplied and further training will be given to the children in computing lessons

* If you need further support with accessing or using GC at home please contact:

support@rochford.essex.sch.uk

Key Dates



- ◆ P.E. will take place on Wednesdays
- ◆ 3rd May Bank Holiday
- ◆ 31st May—4th June Half Term
- ◆ Wednesday 21st July last day of the Summer Term