

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

CLASS: Buttercups



Class News: Welcome back after the Spring break. We hope you had a good rest and are ready for the final term.

Reminders: As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. Your child can bring a healthy snack for break, please no crisps or chocolate as their snack. Fruit / vegetables only.

PE: Will now be Tuesdays and Wednesdays. PE will be outside this term.

Important: We are a **nut free** school

Homework: Homework is set weekly on Fridays on Google Classroom. Homework will be due in (online) the following Friday.

Homework will consist of:

- Spellings to practice for a weekly test in class
- Maths or English task (each week).
- Reading (At least three times a week).
AR quizzes (for those on AR). Please ensure at least one quiz is completed every week.



CORE SUBJECTS

English writing

This half term, we are going to be focussing on non-fiction texts, specifically non-chronological reports. Last term, we were lucky to grow our own cress. Now, are we going to look at facts about plants which will lead to our independent writing, writing our own non-chronological reports on a flower.

Do you have a favourite flower?

Can you find out about it to help you with your writing?

We are excited for our next topic all about 'George and the Dragon' (a fiction text).

English reading

We will be continuing daily reading in small groups. The focus is on improving sight vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. We will be looking at different types of texts, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

In class, we will also be doing daily independent reading.

Please make sure you read with your child at least three times a week. You could help your children develop their comprehension skills by asking them a variety of retrieval and inference questions. Please ensure your children bring their home reading book to school every day.

For those on AR, please make sure you are reading at least 1 book (per week) and taking the quiz. We aim for each child to get 80% or above in each quiz.

Mathematics

We are really enjoying Fluency Bee in class. This has really helped us all to improve our confidence with numbers though varied and frequent practice. Fluency Bee has helped us to recognise patterns in Maths too!

This term, we will learn to read the clock face on an analogue clock. We will begin with recapping O' clock and half past the hour before moving on to recognising quarter hours.

Please note: we will not be learning digital time. Our topic will include thinking about how many minutes there are in an hour and how many hours there are in a day.

Next half term, we will move onto understanding volume and capacity and temperature.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science

Next half term, we will be learning about Living things and their Habitats. We will learn about the characteristics of living things, different types of habitats including micro-habitats and world habitats, such as rainforests. We will also learn about food chains. There will be a special focus on the Scientist Rachel



Carson who studied ocean habitats.

PSHE

The theme for RSHE this half term is, Relationships. This covers,

- Looking at families (includes diversity)
- Keeping safe
- friendship and solving conflict with our friends.
- keeping secrets
- recognising people we can trust

Next half term, PSHE will cover the topic, 'Changing me and sex education' This will include developing an understanding that growing from a child to an adult is out of our control and to understand how our bodies have changed since we were younger.

RE

Buttercups really enjoy learning about the different celebrations around the world. The children enjoy relating their own beliefs and experiences to their learning. This half term, we will be thinking about stories which are special to all of us, how holy books are treated and look at the similarities and differences in the teachings of different religions.



History

This term we will be learning about significant people and what they did to become significant people in history. We will learn about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, looking at how they changed nursing and the impact they had on nursing today. We will make comparisons of both significant women, looking at their similarities and differences.

PE

PE is back to Tuesday's and Wednesday's each week.

This half term, we will be doing Sending and Receiving and Athletics.

We will practice and develop our sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping

DT

In Buttercups, we all love DT and It's about to get more exciting... This term, we will look at bread based products to determine which bread is the most suitable to make a pizza. We will discuss different pizza toppings and we will learn which toppings come

Art

In Art this half term, we are going to be exploring the paintings of the artist Sue Dickinson who created paintings and prints depicting wildlife.

We will explore how different paint brushes can change the way we paint, understand how water paints differ to other paints, learn what

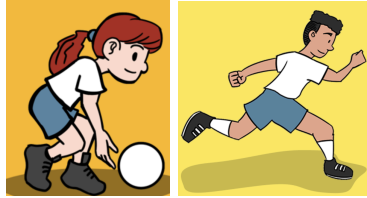
Computing

Computing is one of our favourite subjects in Buttercups class. This half term, we will learn to understand the international space station (ISS). This will include learning about how astronauts' needs are met aboard in space, things that need to be

different sized balls. We will work individually, in pairs and in small groups and begin to organise and self-manage our own activities.

During athletics, we will be running at different speeds, jumping and throwing. Athletics will include us competing against each other.

Next term, we will continue athletics and also striking and fielding activities.



from plants and which come from animals. To finish this topic, we will make our very own mini pizzas! Yum!



secondary colours are and recreate a painting in the style of Sue Dickinson.



monitored by sensors and how space exploration can benefit life on Earth.



Music

In Music, we will be learning a friendship song. This will support us with our learning in PSHE thinking about relationships.

Special weeks and important dates:

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday.

Friday 24th May: Class Photographs.

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May: Half Term.

Tuesday 4th June: Fire Brigade Workshop for Years 2 and 5.

Thursday 6th June - Thursday 13th June: Book Fair.

Monday 17th June - Friday 21st June: Assessment Week.

Thursday 27th June: Buttercups Use it or Lose it Assembly.