

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term ~ Year 1 & 2

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Summer Term 2022, please enjoy reading this overview. We hope that you find it helpful 😊

Welcome back after the Easter break,

Following on from perhaps a chocolate egg or two, our learning focus is 'food glorious food' ...

This term we will be learning about the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet through our Project. The children will find out about where food comes from and compare and contrast the food we eat today to that eaten in the past. They will demonstrate their understanding of food and hygiene and preparation techniques alongside understanding the different food groups. We hope this will begin to develop a love of different foods and cooking in the children. They will use this knowledge to prepare a finally Banquet fit for a King or Queen.

- **Science:** We will learn about the different food groups and the importance of eating a well-balanced diet. We will develop a simple understanding of the different ways different kinds of food help our bodies to grow and develop.
- **DT:** We will follow recipe instructions and use different kitchen tools to prepare picnic food. We will use our growing knowledge of the basic principles of a healthy & varied diet to design a balanced plate fit for a banquet.
- **English:** We will use non-fiction texts to help find information and to follow and write instructions (recipes). For our project, we will also produce posters and invitations. In wider English work, we will continue to focus on our phonic skills for Year 1 children to prepare for the Phonic Screener and for Year 2 to develop spelling and grammar skills. We will hone our skills in writing clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting language and style for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences, including creative writing and poetry. Finally, we won't forget the importance of speaking and listening skills to help us learn.
- **History:** We will find out about the past using secondary sources of information.
- **Maths:** Our project will help with practical measuring for baking and beginning to record mass/weight. In wider maths, the children will be learning and extending their knowledge in geometry (position and direction), time and temperature, problem solving and investigations whilst continuing number knowledge and the basic operations.
- **IT:** We will cover a mini-topic on e-safety in an engaging and creative way. Through the creation of a cyber-safety rainbow, children will understand the meaning of staying safe online; the importance of keeping personal information and passwords safe; how to find safe and reliable content; who to go to for help; and how to enjoy safely the many opportunities the internet has to offer.

We will squeeze in other bits and pieces in what is shaping up to be another busy term

Kind regards, Mrs Haynes, Mr Hartnell & Mrs Thackeray

Reminders:

This term, PE is on **Thursday**. Please can we come to school ready for PE.

We do like to get outside, so please consider the weather – hot, cold, wet, dry – it is important that we are comfortable throughout the session.

Don't forget, long hair must be tied back 😊

Messages:

We have our new reading books system in place. For Class 2, we change school reading books on a **Monday**.

Your child will bring home 2 scheme books (most of which are brand new), to help them exercise their phonics and tricky word knowledge through independent reading. There will also be RAINBOW READING – an extra book selected for interest and reading for pleasure. This is not necessarily fully decodable, and will be based on preference, but you can read it together.

We hope that you enjoy our new way of 'doing reading'.