



Years 1 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term 2019



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year.

Our topics this Spring Term are Winter Wonderland and Happily Ever After. Over the term the children in year 1 will be learning about the following:

Maths

Units of work will be; place value (0-50), addition and subtraction (0-20), multiples of 2, 5, 10 and measuring (height, length, weight and volume).

The mathematical application of skills we will be focused on is measuring by weighing ingredients whilst cooking polar biscuits and measuring length whilst creating igloos.

Children will also take part in a daily maths meeting where mental skills are practised and will be working on times table challenges as well as weekly 'Big maths' sessions.

English

Units of work will be; poems on a theme (senses), instructions and lists, fairy tales and stories by the same author.

The composition application of skills we will be focused on will be using our knowledge of phonics to attempt to spell unfamiliar words as we write. The children will be encouraged to use their developing understanding of capital letters and full stops whilst writing their own poems, instructions and stories.

Regular phonics, spelling, grammar and handwriting are also all important aspects of our English work.

Science

We will be developing our enquiry and research skills and learning about weather, seasons, plants and growth

Computing

We will be exploring control technology, following and creating algorithms. Also we will be looking at animated stories.

Geography

We will be learning about weather and climate and exploring countries and capitals of the UK.

History

We will be finding out about famous Polar explorers- Scott and Shackleton at the start of the term and then learning about the Great Fire of London.

PE

Our PE days this term will be Tuesday for outdoor lessons (team sports skills) and Thursdays for indoor lessons (gymnastics)

RE

Our work will explore 'Special and sacred places' Learning more about where, how and why people worship.

Music

We will be following the Charanga music scheme In the Groove and Round and Round. We will be focused on singing and learning how to use our voices expressively. We will explore instruments and use them to improvise and perform.

Art/DT

We will be looking at textiles, creating collage and learning about the work of Eileen Downes. After half term we will be making glove puppets linked to stories.

PSHE Themes

We will be learning about ways we keep our bodies healthy, personal hygiene and managing our feelings.

Key Events/ Visits: Spring 2019

St Andrew's Church - Tuesday 12th February
Hyde Hall - Wednesday 27th February

Cross Curriculum Learning

This term the children will be designing and building their own model igloos using a variety of materials. They will be linking mathematical skills, measuring; literacy work, instructions and food technology skills to make their own Polar biscuits.

Homework:

A creative homework menu has been sent out with this letter to support home/school learning and I hope you enjoy sharing in some of these activities. Children are expected to complete one piece each week.

Each week there will also be a piece of English or Maths homework set on Education City.

All children will receive spellings each Monday, to be tested the following Monday. They will also have their times tables challenge to work on.

Please encourage your child to:

Come into school ready to learn.
Be in the correct school uniform.
Be in the classroom by 8.50am.
Read at home to an adult on a daily basis.
Complete weekly homework, timetables practise and spellings.
Have the appropriate, named, PE kit in school, remember no earrings to be worn on PE days.

General Notices:

Pupils may come into school from 8.40am.

At the beginning of the year a water bottle was supplied in class for each child but you are welcome to send in your own labelled clear bottle.

Should you need to talk to the class teacher please either; write a note in the home/school contact book, leave a message via the office, via teacher@hinguar.southend.sch.uk or catch the teacher at the end of the school day.

Please wait until the teacher has ensured all children are with their parents before coming to speak to them as this helps to ensure the children's safety.

Hinguar Star

If your child remains in the learning zone at school and demonstrates good behaviour they will receive their Hinguar Star.

The children will also receive a wow sticker if they have read to an adult (and had their contact book signed) 5 times during the week.

If you can offer any time to support in your child's class please speak to the class teacher so arrangements can be made.

