

# CURRICULUM FOCUS

Summer 2024

Year Group: Year 1

**Summer One - Topic Title: Britain – England**

**Summer Two – Topic Title: Ancient Egypt**

**Aspects to be taught:** Our topics for this term are 'Britain: England' and 'Ancient Egypt'

- In English, we will be exploring Postcards, Story Writing and Performance Poetry. We will be developing our writing skills to create the perfect postcard, have a go at some adventure story writing and deliver some entertaining performance poetry. We will also be creating a fact file about the Ancient Egyptians.
- In Maths, we will be continuing to explore counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, in Number we will be looking at place value within 100 and introducing Fractions, in Geometry we will be exploring position and direction, and we will also be exploring the concepts of Time and Money.
- In Phonics, we will be continuing to learn or Phase 5 sounds as well as spelling rules and how to apply them within our writing in all subjects.
- In Science, we will be looking at Plants: we will be exploring the different parts of a plant and their features as well as planting our own seeds and watching them grow. In the second part of our Science this term we will be conducting a research project on a mystery scientist and if possible, replicating their experiments.
- In RE, we will be exploring religious stories and the meanings behind them. We will also be thinking about the bigger questions in life, exploring what we think God is and exploring the different ideas that people have around God.
- In Geography, we will develop our understanding of maps by exploring the UK: England and the climate we have compared to other countries. We will be creating our own map of the surrounding area and/or mapping our journey to school.
- In History, we will be exploring the Ancient Egyptians, their rituals and beliefs and exploring their way of life through research, artifacts and re-enactment.
- In Art, we will be exploring the famous artist Pierre-Auguste Renoir. We will be exploring his work using different medias and materials and recreating a famous piece of his work in our own style.
- In Computing, we will be looking at algorithms – and the importance of adhering to instructions and the complications we face if we have an incomplete set of instructions. We will also be learning about how 'debug' and remove errors from computer hardware and/or software.
- In PHSE, we will be exploring the importance of a safer and healthier lifestyle.



**We would like you to:**

- Read with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the story and characters. Encourage your child to write in their reading book with you as this will help them to move up the 'Reading Rainbow' reward chart. (Minimum of 4 times per week)  
*If your child reads at least 4 times each week then they will move up the reading rainbow – if they have reached the top of the rainbow by the end of the term then they will receive a prize each half term.*
- Bring in their Monkey Reading diaries and school reading books to be changed every **Friday**.

- Ensure your child comes to school in their **PE kit** on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**.
- **PE kit must be their house colour/white top and black/grey bottoms.**
- **NO** earring's can be worn on PE days – In order to participate in the PE lesson, the child **MUST** be able to remove the earring's themselves otherwise they will not be able to join in.
- Please ensure that your child has a named **water bottle** in school each day.
- Please ensure that your child has a **coat** and **bag** in school each day.
- Please ensure that your child has a **hat**/and or appropriate sun protection on sunny school days.

#### **Additional Information:**

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – School opens for Summer Term
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 – Parent Workshop on Tech Safety
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – May Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – Year One Class Assembly (9.15am-9.30am)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 – Whole School Art Exhibition (Hall: 3pm-4pm)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – School closes for Half Term
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – School opens for Summer Term
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Class Photographs
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Sports Day
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – APDR Meetings (Hall: 3pm-5pm)
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Enterprise Fair (after school)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – School Closes for Summer Holidays