

English in Sharks Class

In Sharks class, we will be diving into the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar and the Woolly Bear Caterpillar

We will use the texts to develop our sequencing and retelling skills, as well as build up on our understanding of questions such as “who, what, where, why and how?” We will use the illustrations from the texts to compose character descriptions, using adjectives. We will also compare the two stories, before writing our very own narrative with our own characters.

We will continue to focus on our Phonics when reading and writing during these sessions, as well as beginning to punctuate our sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.



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Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday!

Miss Reid-Smith – **Monday to Thursday**
Ms O'Brien – **Monday to Friday**
Mrs Pickering, Miss Norman, Mr Olarewaju,
Mrs Spittal, Mrs Marney, Miss Burkett
SaLT: Mrs Reddy, Miss Gadd and Miss Norris

In Phonics we will...

Continue to work daily in groups, focusing on our appropriate phase. We will use flash cards, actions and games to help develop our understanding of phonics and how they link to reading and spelling.

Important Dates

Monday 22nd September – Reception Phonics and Early Reading Workshop

Wednesday 10th September – Meet and Greet Evening

Tuesday 23rd September – PE Café

Tuesday 23rd September – Year 6 parents SATs meeting

Thursday 25th September – Harvest Festival

Friday 26th September – Whole School Cross Country

Thursday 2nd October – Year 1 Phonics Parent's Meeting

October – **Black History Month**

Friday 10th October – Spooky Disco

Tues 14th and Weds 15th October – Parents Evening

Friday 17th October – DLD fundraiser

Maths in Sharks Class

For our EYFS children, we will be focusing on our understanding and composition of number up to 10.

For our children working on progression steps 3 and Year 1, we will focus on place value up to 10, 20 and 50.

English in Frog Class

In Frog class we will be investigating a crime, looking at the evidence, taking witness statements and writing newspaper reports about the incident. We will also be writing our own story, based on the style of the story.

Additionally, we will be exploring a non-fiction text, learning more about what makes a non-fiction text and the layout.

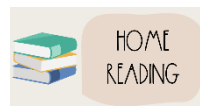


Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a **Friday** and should be completed by the following **Wednesday** at the latest.

The Home Learning tasks will stick into their book.

Please refer to the letter in the front of home learning books for more details.



Maths in Frog Class

In Frog class we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. In addition to this, we will be focusing on our times tables.

How can you help at home?

Please can you encourage your child to read to an adult at least 3 times a week. We would appreciate it if you could ask them questions about what they are reading. Please sign the reading record each time.

Sharks Class will change reading books every Monday.

Frog Class books are checked daily and changed when required.

Please make sure ALL items of clothing and personal property are clearly named – hunting for unnamed items takes up a great deal of curriculum time!

Please check book bags and contact books DAILY.

We would be grateful if you could donate £3 for our consumables that resource our additional activities, such as cooking. If you feel able to do this, please put donations in an envelope – thank you for your support.

On Fridays...

Outdoor learning and life skills sessions, in order to develop their communication, understanding and problem solving skills.

Please ensure the children have appropriate footwear and wet weather clothing.

In PE we are...

developing our skills, with Coach Alhaji on Wednesdays.

During our lessons on Fridays we will be following the unit Gymnastics.

REMINDER

Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. **Please ensure the children come in dressed ready for PE as they will be unable to get changed at school. Unless it is raining heavily, Wednesday's session will be in the playground, so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing.**

As Musicians we will be...

Sharks – we will be using our Sing Up curriculum to sing all about food! We will learn new songs and be thinking about the rhythm as well as the pitch of different songs.

Frogs – We are going to be using the traditional song 'I've been to Harlem', to learn how to compose a pentatonic ostinato, develop our call and response singing and play melodic and rhythmic accompaniments to a song.

In Computing...

Sharks – We will be learning to navigate Purple Mash independently, as well as how to use the ipads safely.

Frogs – We will be learning how to be safe in a digital world, as well as exploring self-image, identity and online relationships.

In History we will be...

In Sharks – We will begin our learning about Significant Figures in History, beginning with Mary Seacole and the importance of her work and how it has impacted us today. We will also look at our own history including family, homes and toys.

In Frogs – We will start our learning on the Romans, which is the over arching topic for the year. We will be exploring what it meant to be a Roman, the rise of the Emperors and the Roman Empire.

In RE... we will be answering the questions:

Sharks – Who is special to me?

Frogs – Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?

As artists we will be:

Sharks – begin by focusing on colour and then use our skills to create cityscapes.

Frogs – We will be painting, drawing and creating collages, using Autumn, the Romans and Volcanoes as our stimuli.

In Geography...

Sharks – we will begin by looking at The Colosseum in Rome, as one of the 7 wonders of the world. We will explore where Rome is located in the world by looking at world maps, as well as looking at our own Geography and our place in the world.

Frogs – We will start our learning on volcanoes, which is the over arching topic for the year. We will be exploring what a volcano is, identify where they are located globally and name the parts of a volcano.

In Science...

Sharks – our topic this half term will be Animals including Humans. We will be looking at grouping and sorting animals and the life cycles of different animals including caterpillars/butterflies.

Frogs – We will be learning about animals, including humans. We will be looking at skeletons and muscles, learning what they are and what they are used for.