



# Puffins Class - Summer Term Newsletter



This year seems to be flying by, and we cannot believe we are going into Summer Term already!

As we go into the summer months, we will need to be mindful of the weather and sending appropriate clothing - at times we may still need a raincoat, and others we will need a sun hat! When needed, please apply suncream before arriving at school and pop the bottle in your child's bookbag for them to reapply midday.

Your child will continue to need a named bottle of water at school each day. You are able to provide squash, although this will need to be consumed at lunch time only. If your child would like to bring a snack to school, it should be either a piece of fruit, or vegetables such as carrot or cucumber sticks. Fruit snacks are available at school each day.

## Personal, social, emotional development

### PSHE- Jigsaw

This term in Jigsaw, our focus will be on 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'.



### PSED programme

Puffins will continue the PSED programme, further developing their skills in making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness, emotional self-regulation and making relationships through stories and activities.



## Maths

### Reception

Puffins will continue to develop their number sense to have a deep understanding about the composition of number to 10. We will continue to consolidate number bonds to 5 and explore number bonds to 10. We will use our knowledge about number bonds to learn about related subtraction facts.

We will also be exploring measurement: capacity, length and weight, as well as learning about o'clock.

### Year 1

Puffins will continue to learn how to read and write number to 100 in numerals, write numbers in words 1-20, and interpret mathematical statements involving +, - and = symbols.

We will continue to use concrete objects and pictorial representations to solve one step problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Puffins will also be exploring simple fractions, measurement of time, capacity, weight, length, and also money.

## Literacy

### Word Reading

#### Read, Write, inc.

Puffins will continue to learn new sounds and practise reading words during their phonics session.

#### Children will continue to bring home:

- A book or ditty for them to read to an adult (once able to read independently).
- A book to be read to them by an adult. This will be labelled "A library book to share."
- A Book Review they can complete with an adult for their library book.

### Writing

Puffins will continue to take part in Drawing Club. We focus on a key text and explore the characters, settings and have adventures to inspire a passion for writing. Puffins will use their phonics knowledge within their writing and continue to develop letter formation. As appropriate, children will focus on finger spaces, full stops, capital letters, and join clauses with and/but/because/so.

### Comprehension

Puffins will continue to develop their vocabulary, talk about the events in a story and predict what will happen next. Puffins will join in with class discussions during Drawing Club to develop inference skills and to share ideas and communicate their opinions about what they like and dislike about the story.



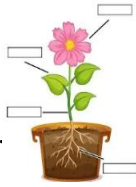
# Understanding the World

## Science: Plants and The Seasons

Last term, we learned about Everyday Materials, exploring different objects to find out what material they were made from and learn about the properties of the materials.

This term, we will learn to identify and name a variety of common plants, and those classified as deciduous and evergreen.

We will also learn to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common plants including roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.



Let us know if you grow anything at home, we would love to see photos on Tapestry!

## RE - Christianity

Puffins will be learning about Christianity this term. We will know what Christians learn about God through the Old Testament and what the New Testament tells Christians about Jesus. We will also learn about the different ways Christians express their beliefs.

## Geography - Compare and contrast

Puffins will be learning about the different countries that make up the UK and compare them to a different non-European country.

We will learn about capital cities and explore the contrasting environments.



## History - Famous Queens:

### Elizabeth I and Victoria

Puffins will learn how to talk confidently about different events from the past, linked to Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. We will discover why they are famous and their similarities and differences. We will also have a fun reenactment of a coronation and celebrate with a 'street party'!



## Computing

Puffins will be learning about Digital Imagery, knowing how to take clear photos, edit them and create a photo collage. Year One will also be learning about Online Safety.

## Expressive Arts and Design

### DT - Cooking: Healthy Eating

Puffins will be learning about food and healthy eating and how to use techniques such as cutting, peeling and grating. We will use these skills to make food for our history coronation celebration!

## Physical Development

### Fine motor/Handwriting

Puffins arrive at school to join in with dough disco - a fun finger movement video to promote fine motor skills and warm those muscles up needed for writing.

There are various activities within the environment to develop fine motor skills throughout the day e.g. playdough, bead threading, sorting objects with tweezers.

It is important to get letter formation right from the beginning. All children practise letter formation during Read Write inc. and Year One will continue to follow the Handwriting Letter Village videos to promote even letter sizing and knowledge about letter families.

### Art- Printing with natural materials



Last term, we learned about Vincent van Gogh and his famous Sunflowers paintings and explored hot and cool colours. This term we are going to be looking at prints and rubbings, exploring natural materials and creating art with them. We will be making block prints and printing onto clay tiles.

### PE - Ball skills, invasion games, athletics

PE will be taught on a **Friday** and the children will need to bring suitable PE kit in named bag-e.g. jogging trousers, PE shorts, t-shirt, fleece and trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed.

### Music - pitch and musical symbols

Puffins will be learning how to identify high- and low-pitched sounds and demonstrating changes in pitch and tempo. We will also be learning about dynamics and rhythmic patterns in an Under the Sea theme!