



Home School Guide – Summer 2 2021

Sunbeams – Years 1 and 2

I can't believe we are entering the final half term of this academic year! Where has the time gone? I hope you have all had a lovely half term and are ready for another seven weeks of learning and events.

Here is an overview of what we will be covering this half term.

English – We will be using the story of Meerkat Mail as a model for writing our own descriptions using similes and alliteration. We will also be looking at discussion texts and the poem The Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan.

Maths – Year 1 will cover money, fractions and time

Year 2 will cover all four of the operations, money, fractions and position and direction

Foundation Subjects –


History – We will be learning about the Plague, what caused it and how it spread. We will learn why it became known as the Black Death and what happened if someone fell sick with it in a house. We will also be learning about Tim Berners Lee who is widely thought to be the inventor of the World Wide Web.

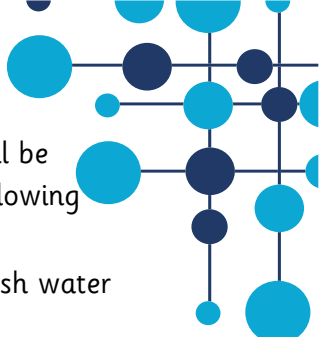
Art – Children will learn about the work of Lucy Poskitt and textiles They will learn how to plait using 2 or 3 pieces of material; how to weave using a range of techniques: Cardboard loom, circle weaving, stick weaving and straw weaving; how to weave in different directions: Plain weave: under and over, soumak weave: looping the thread back.

DT – We will look at building structures and design products that have a clear purpose and an intended user. By the end of the unit we will know which materials can be flexible and rigid, which shapes stack and which don't, how to create strength in a structure by overlapping and explain how to join two materials.

Science – In Science we will learn about habitats. Children will know that humans can change their habitats to make sure we have everything we need. Other animals and plants can't change their habitats like humans do so they must live in the right places that have everything they need. Plants and animals live in habitats that suit them. They have special features that help them survive in their habitats, e.g. animals in the arctic have thick fur; animals in the ocean are good at swimming.

Things to remember

- Start time for our class only is **8.40am** and pick up time is **3.10pm**. **All children should be dropped off and picked up at the pedestrian gate at the front of school only.**
 - On **Thursdays** we will change our books. Reading Diaries need to be signed by parents and shown to an adult in class before a new book can be chosen.
 - **Library books** will be changed every Friday, please make sure it is returned each week.
 - **Bookbags can now be brought into school** and must be brought in every day. No reading books or library books will be sent home otherwise.
 - **PE** is on Thursday and will be taught by a specialist from Ultimate Sport. **Children must come to school dressed in their PE kits on this day. They will NOT be getting changed in school.**
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- **Spellings** are sent home on a Friday as part of the homework. A spelling test will be completed the following Thursday. All other homework should be returned the following Wednesday.
 - Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** in school each day filled with fresh water – **no juice please**.
 - **Morning snack** – please send your child with a piece of fruit, vegetables, cheese or fruit juice. There will still be **no Tuck Shop**. Crisps, biscuits, chocolate etc will not be allowed to be eaten in school at break time and will be returned home the same day.
 - **Please remember we are a nut free school.**

Websites to access

<https://ttrockstars.com/> <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk> www.purplemash.com

www.spellingshed.com/en-gb

Usernames and passwords to these accounts will be sent home with your child this week. Please see Mrs Stephenson or I if you cannot access them at home.

Key Dates

School reopens on Monday 7th June 8.40am

Tuesday 8th June – Parents consultation meeting 8.30am in the hall about the proposals to close Lily Park – Please contact the school office to book a place.

PCSO Gareth Hunt will be talking to Sunbeams about Safety on the Streets in the afternoon

Wednesday 9th June – Queen’s official birthday afternoon tea party. See Class Dojo for details

Friday 18th June – Jo Cox Great Get Together Lunch. In school event at lunchtime.

Parents consultation meeting 3.00pm in the hall about the proposals to close Lily Park – Please contact the school office to book a place.

Friday 25th June – Sponsored Bounce. More details to follow

Monday 5th July – Games Night/Film Night after school event. More details to follow

Wednesday 14th July – Break the rules day. More details to follow

Friday 16th July – Whole school summer Gala day. More details to follow

Friday 23rd July - last day of term normal finish time

School reopens on **Tuesday 7th September 2021**

