

Spring Term 2020

Welcome back to another busy term at SMSF. We hope you find the following curriculum information helpful.

English

This term we will be covering traditional stories, poetry and writing non-fiction reports. In our writing we will be focusing on developing the children's punctuation skills. By the end of the term we aim for the children to be familiar with using full stops, capital letters, apostrophes for possession and contractions, question marks, exclamation marks and commas in lists. It would be really helpful if you could point these out when you are reading with your child and could encourage them to use them in their homework sentences.



Spelling will be an on-going focus this term. The children will continue to follow Letters and Sounds in our phonics lessons. We will be focussing on plurals and suffixes. Children will continue to participate in regular hand-writing sessions where they will learn to join correctly. To meet the expected standard for writing at the end of the year all children should be starting and finishing letters in the correct place, including making sure they differentiate between the size of capital and lower case letters.

When reading with your child at home, please ensure that you focus on comprehension, expression, paragraphing and use of punctuation. The end of year assessments have a strong emphasis on word retrieval, for example finding words with a similar meaning in the text. It would be great if you could support your child's learning by focusing on this skill at home.

Maths

In Maths we will focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. These will be incorporated into problem solving. We will concentrate on a range of areas in mathematics covering 2D and 3D shape, length, weight, symmetry and fractions. Data handling will include constructing graphs, using a tally chart and interpreting different types of data. Children will regularly practise counting in 3s and learn times tables facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Knowing the table facts will significantly improve your child's mental arithmetic making them more able mathematicians. It would be helpful to practise these with your child at home. We will continue to regularly assign an online game via Active Learn as and when the games fit in with our topics in class. This will reinforce the learning your child has done in class that week.



Here is a reminder of the website:
www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

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Science

This term we will be developing our investigation skills through a range of experiments linked to British inventors and we have started with Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will be learning how to plan an experiment, predict the outcome, make observations, record our results and to draw conclusions. Thank you to all those parents who have donated old electronic items for our role play areas. Please do feel free to send in any items including books to support our topic.



Other Subjects

In **Music**, children will be focusing on pitch and tone, using their voices and instruments. Children will continue to have weekly singing practice.

Our **History** unit this term will have many cross curricular links with science. We will be focusing on inventors and the impact they have had on modern society. We will be learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Alexander Graham Bell, John Logie Baird, Thomas Edison, Trevor Baylis and Tim Berners-Lee.

In the second half of term we will focus on developing our **Geographical and fieldwork skills**. We will be learning about the weather and studying our local area; its geographical features and environmental factors. We will be learning about compass directions and using co-ordinates on a map.



In **R.E** during the first half of term children will focus on parables that Jesus told. After half-term the focus is on Easter and Saints. The children will learn about symbols associated with Easter and about St Mary and St Peter.

In **PSHE** we are following our new Jigsaw Curriculum, starting with the Being me in my world.



In **Art** we will be practising art and design skills. The children will be focusing on design, drawing, craft, painting and art appreciation.

In **D.T.** during the second half of term we will be learning about preparing and cooking food. Watch this space for more information as we will be asking for volunteers!

There will be two **P.E** sessions a week, one indoor and one outdoor. Children require appropriate kit for P.E lessons. It is strongly advised that children have a track-suit in school for outdoor P.E sessions, particularly during these cold winter months. For indoor PE the children will work in small groups to choreograph their own piece of work for the SMSP dance challenge. Our outdoor sessions will focus on developing skills for invasion games.

Additional Information

Spellings will continue to go home every Thursday. It would be extremely helpful if you can spend time at home to support your children in completing their weekly spelling activity and writing their five sentences, as well as learning the spellings for the week. We will continue to send home mathematics homework linked to our learning that week. In addition, we would like to encourage you to read with your child if possible for approximately 15 minutes every day. Occasionally we may set a reading comprehension activity instead of maths homework.

Last term was a great success and we are extremely grateful for all your support. Please look on classroom windows to sign up if you would like to volunteer in the classroom. We look forward to another productive and happy term.

Many thanks

Catherine Terry, Richard Taylor, Sarah Harwood and Helen Sinclair.