

Moorlands Primary School – Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 Summer Term

Reading stimulus

Within English, we shall be focusing on *The Gingerbread Man* and *The Three Little Pigs*. This text will give us lots of opportunities for creative writing as well as non-fiction genres such as exploring the lives of penguins, how to use a dictionary and writing our very own number rhymes. We will continue focusing on our letter formation through the use of Kinetic Letters. Talk 4 Writing strategies are used to help develop our writing ideas.

Maths

In Mathematics we will be developing our number knowledge by furthering understanding of our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be applying this knowledge to solve related multiplication and division facts. We will be learning about place value within 100, what a half and a quarter is, as well as learning to tell the time and work with money.

We encourage the use of Numbots at home accessed at: https://numbots.com/

Science

In Science we will be looking at plants through sorting and classifying; making close observations; identifying plant types, identifying parts of plants and role playing the role of a botanist. This will coincide with an educational visit to the RSPB centre in West Bromwich towards the end of the academic year.

Geography / History

In Geography, children will be developing their knowledge of the local area where they will explore their local area, use maps and simple compass directions. There will also be a focus on exploring continents in finding out where our favourite animals live. In History we will be completing our research on significant people such as Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Emmeline Pankhurst.

R.E.

In R.E. we will complete our focus on Sikhism and begin to focus and learn about Islam. As part of our learning, we will be visiting a mosque on Tuesday 7th May.

Art

Our Topic in Art will be 'Fruit Face' where we will focus on the artist Giuseppe Acrimboldo. We will be creating still life drawings and making paintings of fruit cross-sections and printing with fruit making our own piece of art.

Design Technology

We will be making mechanisms such as sliders and levers to explore moving pictures. We will also be considering where our food comes from and designing, making and evaluating our own smoothie.

P.E.

PE sessions shall be on Thursday afternoons and children will develop their gymnastic skills working with the Mr Porter. Children will also develop their athletic skills. Please can you ensure that all earrings and jewellery are removed for this session.

Music

In Music, we shall be using Kapow which is a world-leading music teaching and learning platform. We will be focusing on the topics of rhythmic patterns through the theme of fairy tales as well as exploring pitch and tempo through the theme of superheroes.

Computing

This term Year 1 will be developing their programming skills through using robots and floor robots. We will give them directions and understand how to use buttons and program them. We will also explore routes and algorithms. Following this, we will apply our understanding of coding to Scratch Junior.

Jigsaw

The values for this term are Co-operation and Gratitude. Children will be learning about the importance of tolerance and treating others fairly. Our Jigsaw sessions will look at 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'.