



17th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum News

Please find detailed below our plan of work for Term 5. The theme for this term is “Birds and Bees”. Sharing assemblies for the term are as follows:

27th April Mars class
11th May Venus class

Term 5 Y1-6 – Theme: Birds and Bees

Subject	Focus
Literacy	Programme of English work including reading, writing, spelling, phonics and speaking and listening appropriate to age and ability. Children will be reading stories about animals and researching animals and geographical matters using non fiction. In line with statutory obligations Y1 will have their phonics check in June 2018, tests in reading will take place for Y2 and Y6 in May. There will be grammar and spelling tests for Y6 in May as well.
Numeracy	Programme of Mathematics work appropriate to age and ability. This will generally include work on the four rules of number (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) as well as work on topics such as time, money, measures, shape and space. There will be tests in Maths in May for Y2 and Y6 in line with statutory obligations.
Science	Over terms 5 and 6 children will be studying-animals and adaptations and plants. We hope that as the weather gets warmer our bee cocoons can be returned to the bee box and we can use the webcam to view their progress. We are also hopeful that the birdbox will be used soon for nesting- do keep checking.
Geography	The children will be finding out about human and physical aspects of geography and will compare Burwash/UK Geographical features to that of Malawi. Geographical fieldwork will also take place around Burwash.
Computing	Research into the current topic and e-safety work. Work on computer programming using bee bots in the younger classes as well as Purple Mash and 2-go programs throughout the school.
Art	Children will be studying botanical drawings by artists such as Georgia O’Keefe.
Music	Children will be listening to music with an animal inspiration.
RE	Children will be considering faiths other than Christianity- Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Judaism(KS1). The children in Y5 will visit the Sikh Gurdwara in Gravesend as part of their RE studies in May.
PSHE	Developing a positive attitude, through growth mindset work. Children will also consider being a citizen of the world. There will be a continued focus in some assemblies on healthy eating.
Forest School	This will take place for Neptune class.
PE	Running a mile, maypole dancing, net games and striking and fielding games.
Modern Foreign Languages	Children will be continuing to learn the beginnings of Spanish.

Yours sincerely

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Helping Mr Sharp prune the apple trees in the orchard



Composing music in Jupiter class