



Learning Overview Summer Term - 2023

Welcome Back Pearls

Hello and welcome back to what I am sure will be an enjoyable Summer Term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter and a well-deserved rest. In this letter you will find important and useful information about the topics and skills we will be learning this term. I hope that we will continue to form strong links between home and school and I am always happy to discuss any concerns you may have. Please feel free to email me or ring the school for an appointment. I (Mrs Evans) teach the class Tuesday - Friday and Mrs Holloway teaches on Mondays. Mrs Pinhorn is in class every day.

Daily Routine

The gate will be unlocked at 8.35am and the children can make their way into class between 8.35am and 8.45am at which time the gate will be locked. Any homework should be placed in to the year group homework trays and reading diaries should be placed in the appropriate trays to be checked every Monday.

The children will start the day with a morning activity before moving on to Spelling. This is followed by Group reading, English and Maths every morning. In the afternoon we teach the foundation subjects which include science, Art, DT, History, Geography, PE, Music, Computing, PSHE, French and RE. School ends at 3.15pm for Pearls at which time I will lead the children out to the playground.

The Curriculum

Topic

Our topic this term is entitled 'Then and Now' with a focus on our locality. This topic is primarily a Geography topic but we will be covering other areas of the curriculum within it. During the first half of the term we will be focusing on the Geography of Buriton and completing lots of fieldwork in and around the village. We will also be looking at the changes Buriton is going through at this time. After half term we will focus on the history of Buriton when we look at the

changes in the village since records began. We will look at different periods of time and learn how the village was affected and the changes that occurred.

English

Writing

Our writing this term will be linked to our topic whenever possible.

During the first half term we will be using:

- 'The Last Wild' by Piers Torday. We will write factfiles and dystopian stories using the text as a driver. It would be very useful if your child had their own copy of the book but this is not obligatory.

After half term we will be using:

- 'I am the seed that grew the tree' a selection of poems selected by Fiona Waters. We will use this to learn poetry by heart and have a go at writing our own.
- Home Sweet Home. We will use this short film to write character descriptions, play scripts and short narratives.

Each morning your child will also spend some time developing their handwriting

Reading

We teach the skills of reading daily in English lessons, during Group Reading, whilst reading with individuals and in other curriculum areas. Daily practise is needed to improve the skills of fluency and comprehension and we cannot over-emphasise the importance of encouraging your child to read at home. We suggest that this should take place at least four times a week for about 20 minutes. Independent readers also benefit from shared reading as it gives them the opportunity to discuss characters, plot etc. and improves comprehension. It would be especially helpful if you could encourage your child to read over the weekend as well as all Reading Records are checked every Monday. It is very important that your child remembers to hand this in as failure to do so will result in your child losing Rainbows End time at the end of each half term. As always your child will receive rewards every time they read 30 lots of 30 pages.

Spelling

Spelling will take place every morning between 9.00 and 9.20am. During this time will be focusing on different spelling rules. Every Friday your child will

bring home three spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. They will need to understand the meaning of the words and put them into sentences. We will also be focusing on grammar and punctuation during these sessions.

Maths

Maths will take place daily. This term we will specifically be covering; Year 4 - Decimals, money, time, properties of shape and position and direction and statistics.

Year 5 - Statistics, shape, position and direction, negative numbers, measures and volume.

We will also be continuing to practise and test Times Tables daily.

Science

This term we will be focusing on the natural world. During the first half term we will be learning about living things and their habitats and after half term we will focus on how plants reproduce.

Physical Education

The Summer Term is always the best term for PE opportunities. This term your child will have PE on Thursday afternoons, Tennis on Monday afternoons and swimming (which starts on 19th May) every Friday morning. We will also have an additional PE session every other Friday afternoon. I will also be teaching some athletics in the run up to Sports Day on 19th June. Please make sure your child wears their school PE kit into school on Mondays and Thursdays - and every other Friday. They will also need a sunhat, suncream, and a drink in school. On the days that PE is taught can you please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed. If your child is unable to do PE please let me know in writing.

Music

This half term our class will be learning 'tuned percussion' on a Thursday afternoon. This will culminate with a performance for parents towards the end of term.

Computing and RE

Computing and RE will be taught on a Monday with Mrs Holloway.

Trips

I have arranged a couple of class trips for this term.

We will be visiting QE Country Park on Tuesday 13th June to complete some fieldwork/geography skills and orienteering.

We will also be visiting HMS Victory on Wednesday 21st June as part of our local history topic.

More details of these trips will follow.

Homework

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The general purpose of homework is to develop effective partnerships between home and school, consolidate skills, particularly in literacy and numeracy, extend school learning, eg. through additional reading and encourage children as they get older to develop the confidence, self-discipline and independence needed to study on their own, which will prepare them for the requirements of secondary school. In Pearls the children are expected to complete 2 hours of homework each week, comprising of reading daily and other formal pieces of homework which will usually be set via Doodle learning. Formal homework tasks will be set once a week every Friday to be completed over the weekend and handed in by the following Friday. Although we practise times tables, number bonds and using the analogue and digital clock in lessons, we would be very grateful if you could work with your child at home as often as possible to ensure they have a secure understanding of these areas.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support

Mrs Evans, Mrs Holloway and Mrs Pinhorn.