

Maths

This year the children will begin following the 'Maths No Problem' programme. As part of their first term, they will be learning:

- Number bonds to 10
- Counting to 10 (forwards and backwards)
- Adding by counting on
- Solving picture problems
- Completing number sentences
- Subtracting by counting back
- Positions

They will be looking at using a range of methods to solve problems and will be given the chance to work as a whole class, in small groups and independently on a variety of tasks.

It would be really beneficial if you could practice number bonds to 10 with your child at home weekly to help them with their fluency and speed.

PE

This term PE lessons will be on a Monday and a Wednesday. The children will be taught by Mr McKay, a Jersey Sport Coach.

School PE kits should be worn to school on these days. Also please ensure that your child has a labelled refillable water bottle with them.

Art/Computing

We will be using a range of materials to design and make projects throughout the year. Lots of these activities will coincide with other areas of our Year 1 curriculum, for example within our Science topic (humans and animals) we will be creating self-portraits. This term we will also be preparing fruit and making smoothies as part of our instruction writing topic and using our computing skills to create pictures on computers.

Year 1 Autumn Term

Over the next term we will be studying a wide range of curriculum topics. I am really looking forward to this exciting term ahead of us and hope this information will help you to start preparing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via: e.sampson@springfield.sch.je

Topic

This term we will have the geography focus "Why can't a Meerkat live in the North Pole?" and "How does the postman know where to deliver my letters?" As part of these topics, we will be developing the children's understanding of the world around them (developing atlas skills), the United Kingdom and the twelve parishes of Jersey. We will also be looking at weather charts and how things differ in hot and cold places. In the following two terms we will be studying History and R.E. Our PSHE focus this half-term is 'Being Me in My World'. After half-term, the focus moves on to 'Celebrating Difference'.

The children will also take part in weekly French sessions. During these they will be learning basic words through songs, such as days of the week, numbers, colours, and simple greetings. They will also be learning how to introduce themselves in French.

Additional Information

Please ensure that your child brings a labelled bottle with water in it every day. Please also make sure that all items of school and PE uniforms are clearly labelled to avoid confusion.

Science

Throughout the year we will be observing changes across the four seasons. This term we will therefore be focused on Autumn and Winter. As part of this work, we will be describing the weather and how day length changes.

Our main topic focus this term will be working around the question "Why are humans not like tigers?". As part of this topic, we will be learning about the five senses, sorting living and non-living things, classifying and comparing different types of animals and learning parts of the human body.

The children will be making observations, performing simple tests and gathering and recording data throughout the year.

We are also hoping to visit Jersey Zoo!

English

Our writing focusses this term will be:

- Story writing
- Instructions
- Rhythm and Rhyme

We will also be learning the days of the week, naming the letters of the alphabet in order and practicing spelling patterns.

We will be having handwriting lessons to help the children work on their letter and number formation. The children will practice their phonic skills daily and word reading skills in our weekly whole class and guided reading sessions.

It is important that children in Year One are reading every day at home, please ensure that this is recorded in their reading record.

Homework

Homework will be set on a **Monday** and should be handed in on a **Friday** (Reading books will be given out and returned on these days too).

Reading: 10 minutes per night. Please make a note of what has been read in your child's reading record and reading passport.

Maths: 1 task per week – number bonds and number focus

Spellings: High frequency words and Year 1 phonics lists

