

CURRICULUM FOCUS

Summer B 2018

Year Group: Year 1

Topic Title: MRS GREN



M	ovement
R	espiration
S	ensitivity
G	rowth
R	eproduction
E	xcretion
N	utrition

Aspects to be taught: Our topic for this half term is called 'MRS GREN'

- This half term's topic will be based around the acronym MRS GREN, and will focus on living things.
- In English, we will be completing some exciting writing including the life cycle of a plant, retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, writing our own version of Jack and the Beanstalk, designing and describing our own animals and writing a letter to introduce ourselves to our new teacher.
- In Maths, we will be using mathematical language to describe position and directions; recognising coins and notes and solving problems involving money and start to look at telling the time using o'clock and half past.
- In Art we will be learning all about sculptures and how our artwork can be inspired by Nature. We will be using clay to make mini models of animals and other living things, making observational drawings of things from nature, undertaking a woodland walk, collecting items to make a collage and developing a wide range of art techniques to complete a whole class project.
- In Computing we will be developing our coding and programming skills using software called Scratch and Turtle Logo.
- In RE we will be looking at the importance of animals in different religions around the world. We will also be tasting some food from different cultures.
- Our Science topic will be 'Plants'. During our science lessons we will be observing how plants and trees grow, planting bulbs and seeds and suggesting how to care for them, explaining the life cycle of a plant, using observations to explain what plants need and why and describing the growth of different plants.
- In Geography, we will be looking at African Safaris and understanding how animals are used differently in different countries around the world. We will also be looking at our own school environment, thinking about how the land has been used.
- In History, we will look at how the uses of animals has changed over the years and different jobs animals have been used for in the past.
- Our PSHE focus will be Professor Improve. We will be looking at what we can do to ensure we have a healthy lifestyle and take part in lots of transition based activities to prepare us for moving to the next year group.

We would like you to:

- Help your child to research the phonemes that we learn each week for testing on Mondays, ensuring that your child understands what the word means and can use them in the correct context. Spellings are based on the phonemes being learnt that week.
- Read with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the story and characters. Encourage your child to write in their home link book with you as this will help them to move up the reading worm reward chart.
- Ensure your child brings in their PE kit in to school on a **Monday** and leaves it here all week.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

Additional Information:

- Monday 4 June – Summer B Term opens
- Friday 8 June – Gentlemen in School Morning
- Monday 18 June – Class Photographs
- Friday 22 June – Sports Day
- Monday 16 July – Outstanding Behaviour Reward
- Friday 20 July – Prize Giving Assembly and Summer Term Closes