



# Miss Finney's Class

## R/1

Curriculum Flyer

Spring Term 2022

Happy New Year! Below you will find a brief outline of the curriculum areas, which we will be focusing upon in class throughout the Spring Term. Please note, that the list is a summary and is subject to change over the course of the term. It does, however, offer a little information to enable you to further support your child's learning. Our cross-curricular topics are "The Greatest Explorers" and "Food".

### Literacy

In line with the national curriculum and the new Early Years Framework, Literacy lessons focus on vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation, which we tackle through reading and writing texts, which link to our cross curricular theme. We will read a range of texts and use these to help form our own pieces of writing.

We have daily Phonics sessions to help with reading and writing, as well as regular handwriting lessons to practise correct letter formation. In Year 1 we will be starting to use pre-cursive handwriting. Guided Reading group sessions take place weekly in class.

It is important to listen to your child read and sign their reading diary at least three times a week.



We will change the children's home reading books once a week. Please have reading books in to school by Thursday and they will all be sent home on a Friday. If books are not brought in by the set day, we cannot guarantee they will be changed.



### Numeracy



The Numeracy topics taught throughout the year are in accordance with the national curriculum and the new Early Years Framework and are as follows for Year 1: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; measurement; geometry (properties of shapes and position & direction) and statistics. Reception will look at: number, addition and subtraction, shapes, weight and measurement.



Quick mental maths and accurate, speedy recall of times tables are promoted in school and should be practised at home. Year 1 children will have a times table card at school to record their progress, where they work towards bronze, silver, gold and platinum stickers.



### Homework



Children will be given homework to complete every two weeks. Homework will be given out on a Friday afternoon and should be handed in by the date specified, usually a week on Monday. Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework to support our learning in school.



### Science/Understanding the World



During practical sessions, children will have the opportunity to develop their investigative skills e.g. identifying, classifying, performing tests with simple equipment and collecting data to answer questions. Topics covered throughout the year include living things and their habitats (plants, animals and humans), using everyday materials and seasonal changes.





## History & Geography/ **Understanding the World**

In History lessons we will be investigating five of the Greatest Explorers and the journeys that they faced. We will study an explorer from different perspectives, discussing what makes an explorer 'great' and who might not think that. In Geography, we will focus on People and their Communities around the world.

## ICT/ **Understanding the World**

This term we will use Discovery Education to explore block coding and investigate what makes a good computer game. We will use the school laptops, as well as I pads.

## PSHE/ **Communication and Language/ Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Keeping ourselves safe and healthy, mentally and physically will be a big focus of these lessons, as well as changing, growing and emotions.

## Music and Spanish/ **Expressive Arts and Design**

These will continue to be taught by the wonderful Mrs Whiteley and Mr Day.

## Art/Design & Technology/ **Expressive Arts and Design**

In Art we will be exploring techniques and styles of art in the form of seascapes, snowscapes and landscapes, using different tools and materials. In DT we will look at nutrition and hopefully do some cooking!

Please can you send your child in with an old t-shirt/shirt to use as an apron, as some days we may get a little messy! We will keep these at school ready for our art lessons.





**Religious Education/ *Personal, Social and Emotional Development***



In RE lessons we are asking these big questions, "What do Muslims believe?" and "How can we help others when we need it?"

**Physical Education/ *Physical Development***

Children have 2 hours of PE each week, which will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They need to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days and ensure earrings are removed.

The Great Wood PE kit includes the navy t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers, or pumps, with navy jogging bottoms and a navy jumper/hoodie.

Please ensure your child's name is on all parts of their PE kit and school uniform.

Children need their water bottles in school every day and appropriate items for the weather e.g. sun hat and coat.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me about anything, you can ring to make an appointment on 01538 702355 (Option 4) or email [office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk)

Best Wishes,

Miss Finney

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