

# Y1 Curriculum Newsletter



Summer Term 2017

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the summer term. We are now into the last term of Y1 where the children will be building on the knowledge they have gained from previous terms as well as exploring some exciting new topics. This is what we will be learning about this term:

<b>Literacy</b>	The children continue with Read Write Inc every day. Their reading ability is assessed every half term and they are grouped according to their reading ability.
<b>Maths</b>	This term the focus is on doubling, adding, subtracting, sharing, telling the time, money, fractions (half, quarter, three quarters etc) measuring and data handling, using numbers up to 100.
<b>Science</b>	The life-cycle of a frog and Plants. Our visiting tadpoles have given us a great opportunity to look at the frog's life-cycle. The tadpoles will be released into a pond next week as they are now too big to be kept in a tank. In learning about plants, the children are introduced to the idea of plants as living things which grow and change. Children should become aware of similarities and differences in plants. The children will learn to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will also learn to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants. They will soon be planting their own seeds - let's hope they grow!
<b>Computing</b>	Digital art. The children will be learning use the computer to create a variety of pictures. They will also learn about using different methods to be creative and look at the benefits and disadvantages of these.
<b>PE</b>	In PE we are learning new athletics skills and building on our team-working skills.
<b>Geography</b>	An Island Home with Katie Morag. An Island Home enables the children to compare life in Rickmansworth with life on a small Scottish island. The Katie Morag stories bring this unit to life.
<b>Music</b>	Exploring instruments and symbols. This unit develops children's ability to recognise different ways sounds are made and changed, and to name and know how to play a variety of classroom instruments.
<b>Art</b>	Matisse: Drawing with Scissors. Here the children will learn more about the artist Matisse - his life, works and artistic style. They will explore, investigate, practise and create their own pictures in the style of Matisse leading to a whole class picture inspired by the artist and their own creations towards the end of the unit.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RE</b></p>	<p>Books and Stories. The children will be discussing their own special books and exploring religious texts. They will investigate the concept that life involves choices between right and wrong and will recount elements of religious stories.</p>
<p><b>Design and Technology</b></p>	<p>This unit will look at children's playgrounds. We will be exploring the different mechanisms used to make the different types of equipment move and recreating an example of our own. We will be visiting a local playground in order to observe the various mechanisms.</p>

As always, please make sure your child has a named PE kit (which fits) in school at all times. Also, as the weather is a bit unpredictable just now, all children must bring a coat to school. **Our class assembly is scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017.** If you have any questions or need to come and see us please don't hesitate.

Many Thanks....

Mrs Black and Mrs Hope