

We hope this topic letter will give you some insight into your child's learning during this term. Our topic this term is "Excellent Eco Explorers". We will take inspiration from the natural world, and will have an eco-friendly focus throughout.

Literacy

This term we will continue to use exciting picture books to inspire our writing, including *The Smartest Giant in Town* and *The Tiger who came to tea*. We will write in a range of genres including factual writing, poetry and fiction. During our daily phonics lessons we will revise sounds from phases 3, 4 and 5 as well as learning new phase 5 sounds. Children will read decodable books which are matched to their phonics skills.

Numeracy

We will follow the White Rose scheme and during their daily mathematics lessons, children will:

- Continue to use the part, part whole and 10s frame model to help with addition and subtraction within 20.
- Continue to understand the place value of numbers, from within 20 to within 50.
- Count in ones, twos, fives and tens (forwards and backwards).
- Explore measure, including length, height, weight and volume.

Science

Our science topic will be animals, including humans. We will use observation skills to identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and learn about how animal bodies differ.

We will also continue to look at seasonal changes.

Computing

The children will continue to learn to log on to a device using their username and password. We will begin to learn about algorithms, and that correcting errors in an algorithm is called "debugging".

P.E.

We will practise our skills in athletics and dance.

History

In history we will learn about David Attenborough's many achievements and how he has inspired people to protect our planet. We will also consider how television has changed over time.

R.E.

This term the children will begin by continuing to look at the Christian faith, learning about stories about Jesus' life, and the parables he told.

We will then begin learning about Judaism, considering the Torah and how it is important to Jewish families.

Art

The children will learn about the artist Henri Rousseau and will be creating their own pictures based on his famous "Tiger in a tropical storm", exploring different materials and techniques.

D&T

The children will learn about the designer Fabergé and the beautiful eggs he made. We will work collaboratively to create our own decorative eggs. We will also learn about bird's eggs and make comparisons between Fabergé's art and natural eggs.

Geography

We will learn about the four countries of the UK, and will look at aerial photographs to help us recognise local landmarks. We will use simple map symbols to create our own local maps. We will continue to study geographical features, identifying key human and physical features in the local area.

Music

The children will continue to explore various musical genres to build their understanding of rhythm, pitch and beat following the "Charanga" scheme.

PSHE

This term's PSHE focusses on working together and being a good friend. We will also think about the environment and the ways we can look after our planet.

Home Learning.

This term we will continue with our home learning logs, which are set fortnightly. These are set to reinforce areas of learning already taught in school. Listening to your child read every day is also part of our home learning expectation.

Ways in which you can help us:

- Please listen to your child read their e-book every day (recording their daily reading in the reading diary), and spend time reading to your child as well. You could read the "sharing book" that your child chooses at school, or any other book that you like.
- If you are able to come and help read with children, even just for an hour, please let the office know, we are always looking for extra help!
- Please bring your child's book bag into school every day. Reading diaries are checked on Fridays.
- Please ensure your child is in school every day as long as they are feeling well; we hope to have 100% attendance in Puffins and Penguins classes each term this year.
- Please support your child to learn any words or sounds that are sent home - this will really benefit their skills in phonics and literacy.
- Please send your child in to school wearing their PE kit on Thursdays and Fridays.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another AMAZING term!

Mrs Renard and Miss Philips

Buckland Primary School

Excellent Eco Explorers



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