

# Spring 2024 – Curriculum news



## January 2024

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas, a well-deserved break and are ready for another term! In geography we will be learning about our local area and studying the human and physical features of Bury St Edmunds. After half term, we will be learning about historical events, people and places in our local area, looking specifically at King Edmund and the Abbey. In science, we will be learning all about materials and their properties. We will be looking at waterproofing materials, what materials are used for and which materials bend, squash, twist and stretch. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus heavily on dreams and goals. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. Art modules this term will focus on print making and in computing the children will be learning how to program and create algorithms. In design technology we will start by investigating axles and move on to use our knowledge of materials to make a hat.

- Year 1/2 staff**
- Mrs Jackie Norman (KS1 lead)
  - Mrs Woolford & Mrs Norman  
France Class Teachers
  - Miss Noe  
France Class student teacher
  - Miss Paterson  
Italy class teacher
  - Miss Hards  
Italy class student teacher
  - Miss Barnard  
India class teacher
  - Mrs Sadler & Mrs Norman  
China class teachers
  - Miss Eden  
China class student teacher
  - Miss Gardener  
Finland class teacher
  - Mrs Cunningham & Mrs Howard  
Learning Support Assistants

 **Reading**

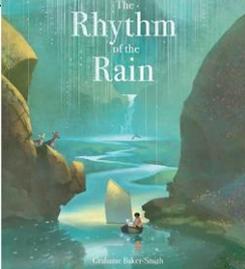
Children will have reading sessions every day, focusing on a class text. Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading log. In your child's reading log at the front, you will find a bingo book sheet stuck in where you can mark off a book once it has been read. Remember each line marked off wins your child a prize!

 **Mathematics**

Year 1: Children will be exploring place value with numbers to 20. So that they can then apply this to addition and subtraction. Once secure in this, we will increase to looking at place value to numbers up to 50. After half term, we will look at length and height, using our knowledge of place value to make comparisons.

Year 2: Children will be looking at money, finding change and counting amounts during the Spring Term. We will then explore division and multiplication. Please continue to practise the 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x tables at home. Following this, we will be learning about measuring length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

**Recommended read**



'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith is a beautifully illustrated story book which celebrates the remarkable movement of water across Earth.

 **English**

In English this term we will learn the features needed to write a successful recount of our trip to the pantomime and a non – chronological report. We will also revisit important features which will provide our children with the tools needed to write a story from another culture, a formal invitation and a poem.

 **Home learning**

Year 2: One maths, reading or English task will continue to be set per week to complete on Showbie. It will be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children will have a new set of spellings to learn every week related to the spelling rule being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie. They will be tested each Friday.

Year 1: Year 1 will continue to have a phonics activity and either a maths or English task set per week. It will also be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

 **Rainbow Challenges**

- Go on a material hunt around your house to see how many different types of material you can find. Challenge – think about why they are made of that material.
- Go for a walk and draw a map of your route. Can you add on physical and human features?
- Make up a game with any new maths learning.
- Explore printing with a range of natural and household objects
- Make a waterproof hat
- Write a poem about your dreams and goals

 **PE**

PE will be on Monday (China, Italy and India) and Tuesday (France and Finland). All children will have PE on Thursdays. Please ensure your child arrives at school **in their correct PE kit on these days**. A warm tracksuit will be needed for outdoor PE, shorts for indoor PE, long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.