



Burwell Village College Primary School

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Reflections and Looking Forwards.

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Thank you again for all our lovely presents – we felt very spoilt! We hope the children are well rested and ready for the new year ahead. We have lots of exciting topics to cover this term!

Spring Term Curriculum

English

All of the children made huge strides forward last term in their reading and writing, as well as their use of adjectives and sentence openers in oral literacy work. This term we will continue to consolidate the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in writing, while encouraging the use of higher level punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. We will be focussing on the children's understanding of basic sentence structure, with particular attention to the noun, verb, noun pattern.

The children have already begun to focus on the story 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. They will work towards creating their own story/comic strip over three weeks. Following this is our poetry topic looking at the poem Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear. We will then move on to looking at the traditional tale Pinocchio.

Children will continue to work in phonics groups matched to their ability. Every phonics lesson will have a focus sound that forms the basis to reading and writing activities.

As part of our Topics 'Toy Story' and 'The World Around Us' we will be using a range of non-fiction texts.

Maths

Maths this term will also build upon the skills and knowledge developed last term.

In our Maths lessons we will continue to consolidate quick recall of basic number facts such as all of the ways of making 5, 6, 7, and so on up to 10 and 20. We will also practice counting to and past 100 and back, understanding number value (i.e. what each digit in a 2-digit number actually stands for) and finding one more/less and 10 more/less than any number to 100.

We will focus on addition and subtraction using number lines, the 100 square and mental methods of calculation. The children will be able to recognise and understand the calculation symbols including the equals sign. They will also be challenged to find missing numbers in calculations using their mathematical knowledge. We will also be working on measurement of length, height, weight and volume using both standard and non-standard units. The children will further develop their number skills and knowledge by working on multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

As always, a focus will be placed on reasoning and problem solving activities.

Science

During the term, we will be studying 'Materials'. This will link to our topic of 'Toys' and will include learning about what toys are made from and some of the properties of these materials.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Toy Story' and, as mentioned above this will feed into our literacy as well as DT, geography, history and science. The children will learn about structures in DT, history of toys. We will visit Jubilee park and then using photographs to draw and label a map of the park. After half term our topic will be 'The World Around Us' and will include learning about the UK and the countries of the world. We will continue to think about famous people when we learn about Neil Armstrong.

ICT

Children will perform basic programming using Bee Bots & learn about internet safety.

PE

We will continue covering a unit on gymnastics with a focus on jumping in different ways, balancing and making strong body shapes.

Children will also continue to develop their general PE skills such as team games, focus, throwing, catching and kicking.

Our PE days will remain as per last term: **MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY (depending on class).**

RE

In RE our topics is Jesus the Storyteller. In the second half term we will think about: what the Easter Story mean to Christians?

PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)

Our topic is 'Staying Safe'. We include elements on keeping safe in different settings, rules to ensure a happy classroom, and learning PANTS the underwear rule from NSPCC.

Music

Music in the first half of this term will cover Pulse and Rhythm.
During the second half of the term we will be looking at Pitch.

Art / Design Technology

In Design Technology we will focus on designing our own playground/park. This will closely link with our materials topic in Science.

Homework

READING! We'd like to thank all of you who took so much time to help your children with their reading last term. It really is vital that we have your support in this as it is impossible for us to read with every child every day (as you can see from all the things we have planned for this term!). All children read with their teacher in a small group once a week. As always, we welcome any parents (or grandparents) who can spare some time to come in and read with the children. Please continue to read every night with your child and log this in their reading record. Children are encouraged to change their reading book every day as they come into school. Please feel free to pop in after school if you wish to select books with your child or talk to us about any queries about reading.

This term, children will bring home a termly overview of spellings we are learning in class. They will need to continue reading and spelling these words at home.

Children will also bring home a homework menu during the week beginning 14th January 2019. This will include activities for Literacy and Numeracy as well as Topic. Children can select activities from the menu and then bring this into school for a homework exhibition. The children may do as many activities from this as they wish. The homework exhibition will be at the end of the Spring term. The date will be following shortly and you will be invited to come to school and celebrate the children's homework.

Important Dates

- Class 1A Assembly – Friday 29th March 2019
- Class 1C Assembly – Friday 22nd March 2019
- Class 1B Assembly – in the Summer Term
- Reading Café Class 1A: 6th February 2019
- Reading Café Class 1B: 7th February 2019
- Reading Café Class 1C: 8th February 2019
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Term Dates:

- Half term : 18th -22nd February 2019
- Inset day: Friday 15th February 2019
- Last day of term: 5th April 2019
- World Book Day: 7th March 2019
- Homework Exhibition: 2nd April 2019 from 9.30 a.m.

Parents' Evening:

Tuesday 26th February (3.30 – 6.00 p.m.) and Thursday 28th February (3.30 – 6.00 p.m.).
This is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

General Information

School Uniform:

School sweatshirt/cardigan or navy sweater/cardigan, white or blue shirt, grey or navy trousers/shorts or skirt, blue and white checked dress.

Indoor P.E. Kit: **blue or black shorts and plain white or navy T-shirt**

Outdoor P.E. kit to include warm top, tracksuit trousers and trainers.

All items must be named!

School uniforms can be ordered and paid for via the school website.

Water bottles should be taken home and washed daily. Please also note that they should only contain water.

There are links from the school website www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk which enable parents to pay for school meals and school trips via Scopy.

Contacting members of staff:

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff by phoning the school office or speaking to the TA on the door.