

Buttercup Class Newsletter



Our topic this half term is Out and About

English

In class we will be... looking at characters within a narrative setting and looking at the emotional responses to issues and dilemmas faced in a story. The children will write their own version of the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We will revise features of non-chronological reports and we will write our own diaries and descriptions about characters in the book.

At home you can... talk about different books e.g. non-fiction books which give you information and how they differ from fiction books. You can find other books by the same author 'Oliver Jeffers' and look at the similarities and differences between the books. Read daily with your child and ask questions to ensure they understand the book they are reading.

Maths

In class we will... learn how to order and write numbers to 1000. We will also learn ways of solving problems using addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will solve mental calculations and practise telling the time to quarter to, quarter past the hour and we will challenge ourselves to read times to the nearest 5 minute interval. We will also learn to find 1/2, 1/4, 3/4 and 1/3 of different shapes and objects.

At home you can... practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Talk about $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of objects e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ a pizza, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a pizza. You can also practise telling the time with digital and analogue clocks to quarter to and quarter past the hour. You can look at bus times on a timetable to discuss units of time e.g. seconds, minutes and hours.

R.E.

In class we will... be learning about the importance of the Qur'an to Muslims. We will learn about why Muslims fast and how the festival of Eid is celebrated.

At home you can... talk about how people celebrate different occasions. You can try and find books about how people celebrate Eid in Canada Water Library.

Class Information

PE is on Monday and Friday and all children require their full Albion PE kit.

Homework: Children are expected to read every night. Spellings are given on a Monday and to be learnt for a test on Friday.

Maths will be given on a Friday and should be returned on the following Monday.

Important dates:

School photographer- 27th and 28th February 2017

INSET Day- 31st March 2017

Local Walks around the area- TBC

Science

In class we will be... learning about plants. We will talk about the different parts of a plant and how plants reproduce. The children will learn about what a plant needs to survive.

At home you can... visit Southwark Park and identify different plants you may find. Plant a selection of seeds and watch them as they sprout - look at the different stages of development. Can you name the different parts of a plant? Think about what a plant needs to grow well.

Topic

In class we will be... learning about the history of Rotherhithe. We will look at how the roads and area have changed over time. In Geography we will compare two different locations e.g. Antarctica and the UK and look at the similarities and differences between the two. In Computing, we will be looking at how to stay safe online and what to do if we are worried about anything we find. In Art, we will explore the environment around us by completing rubbings of different materials e.g. bark, concrete. We will focus on the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and complete our own versions of her work.

At home you can... look at different maps and locate where you live or where you have visited on the map. Visit the school website (www.albionprimaryschool.co.uk) and go to the 'about us' section, then 'our history' to see a tour around The Rotherhithe Peninsula.