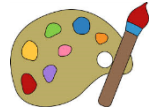


Violet Way Academy

Year 1 Curriculum Spring Term - Explorers

<p style="text-align: center;">Guided Reading</p> <p>Children will have a daily guided reading session following our Rigby Star reading scheme. Children read a new Rigby star reading book in class each week and will bring home a Rigby Rocket book on the same level. They will read their book twice with an adult in school and complete follow up learning about it too. Please record in the children's reading diary about how they are doing with their reading at home.</p> <p>Children can read extra books at home by logging onto bug club at home. www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Their username and password for this is in their homework book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reading for Pleasure</p> <p>It is important that children develop a love for reading and have a chance to choose their own books and to read for pleasure. To instil this love of reading we have weekly library sessions were children can choose a book of their choice. This may be a fiction book, non-fiction book, a book they could read themselves easily or a book that they need an adult to read to them. Children must return the book from the previous week before bringing a new one home. We also have story time as a whole class at the end of the day. In this time we will be reading books linked to the topic Explorers or from our class book corner.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Phonics</p> <p>Children will have a daily phonics lesson in class. We do not follow a set scheme but we use the phonic sound cards from Read Write Inc to help teach the children the sound along with a rhyme to help them to remember it easily e.g. ay - <i>may I play</i>.</p> <p>This term the focus will be on reading Set 3 sounds correctly and identifying these sounds in real words and nonsense words, also to recognising them in words in their reading books. It is important that the children can read both real and nonsense words as they will be faced with these in the Phonics Test at the end of Year 1.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>Children will complete a range of fiction and non-fiction writing activities linked to their learning about Explorers. They will start off by learn about an expedition to a cold country and read information about this country and what you would find there. Then they will read Where the Wild Things are which is about a journey to an imaginary place. Grammar is an important part of the new curriculum and this term the children will be learning about doing words with ing, question sentences, present tense, capital letters and the joining word 'and'.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>Children will have a daily maths lesson and will be taught in Set groups for maths. Over a term children will be taught aspects of: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Measurement, Properties of Shape, Position and Movement from the new National Curriculum. Children will also have a weekly forest school maths session.</p> <p>Children can develop their maths skills further be completing maths activities on active learn at home: www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Their username and password for this is in their homework book and is the same as their one for Bug Club.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Homework</p> <p>Year 1 children will have weekly homework. This may be Maths, Writing, Grammar, Phonics or a Topic based homework. Homework books will be sent home on a Wednesday, please can they be returned to school on the following Monday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Over the half term holiday children will have the topic homework to read, learn and decorate a poem by Andy Tooze who will visit after half term.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional Information</p> <p>As part this topic the children will have a forest school week linked to the story Where the Wild Things are.</p>

Artist



As an artist I will be learning:

- To paint a Winter picture using winter paint colours and silhouettes of winter trees.
- To draw pictures of arctic animals using charcoal and pencils
- Make a Wild Thing mask

Explorers



Geographer



As a geographer I will be learning:

- To name cold places, oceans, continents and features of cold places.
- To use and design maps
- To use simple compass directions
- To use directional language
- To look at seasons and weather in different places

Gymnast



As a gymnast I will be learning:

- To balance safely and on parts of the body.
- To complete a range of jumps
- To use a range of gymnastic equipment

Design and Technology



As a designer I will be learning:

- To design and make a pizza
- To make a musical instrument

Scientist



As a scientist I will be learning:

- To investigate what keeps polar bears and other animals from freezing.
- Features of Arctic animals
- To investigate ice
- To look at seasons and weather
- About properties of materials

Musician



As a musician I will be learning:

- To learn songs for Mother's Day
- To learn to play an instrument in Rokit Music/recorders
- To listen to African drumming music and create a drumming composition for the Wild Rumpus
- Use 2 compose and mini monsters

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As a thinker I will be thinking about:

- Think about their feelings and the feelings of others linked to Max and the Wild Things