

Home Learning

Please read with your child as often as possible - ideally everyday. This allows them to build their reading fluency and stamina, as well as talk about the book they are reading and ask any questions about unfamiliar vocabulary. It is the single most important thing you can do, to support your child's learning. Please record this in your child's reading record. Year 2 will get weekly spelling sheets on a Friday and Year 1 will get the Parent phonic sheet once we start on new alternative sounds.

Dates for the diary

PE day - Tuesdays

Monday 2nd October: Walk around Penshurst for Geography. We will need parent helpers for this.

Curriculum meeting - Wednesday 13th September 2.45pm

Harvest festival service - 29.9.2023

Open afternoon - Wednesday 12th October from 2pm

INSET day - Friday 20th October

Year 1 and 2 Autumn Term 1

Any questions please email: elm@penshurst.kent.sch.uk

English

Reading: In reading this term we will be using the texts 'Grandad's Island', 'The Goose that laid the golden egg' and 'Mrs Noah's pockets'. The children will be using these texts to practise their comprehension skills with lots of verbal discussion and practical work in this first term.

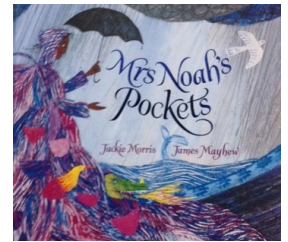
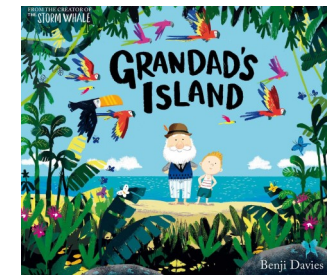
Writing: We are beginning this term with a focus on sentence composition to make sure all children are secure with the basics before moving on. We will then be learning about the features of character descriptions and a simple retelling of a narrative, with the children using what they have learnt to write their own.

Phonics: Year 1 children will be recapping the learning from last year, before then moving onto the alternative spellings of 'ai' and 'ee'

Spelling: Year 2 children will be recapping some previously taught alternative spellings, as well as learning some new spelling rules such as using a 'g' to make the /j/ sound before the letters 'e' 'i' 'y'.

Handwriting: The children will be looking at the letter families and capital letters, thinking about size + placement.

Our class texts



Mathematics

In Maths we will use the White Rose Maths Curriculum. We begin with a focus on the children's understanding of Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

In Place Value children recognise numbers as tens and ones. Use counting and grouping in 10s and 1s to aid counting. Children will partition, read and write numbers to 100 and count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

In addition and subtraction they will begin to consider numbers as a whole and the parts. Activities are planned with lots of opportunity for manipulation of concrete resources, problem solving and reasoning and the use of stem sentences to answer key questions and explain their thinking.

Science

This term we are going to be learning about living things and their habitats. We will explore and compare differences between things that are living, dead and never alive. We will find out about habitats and how they support life, what the basic needs are for living organisms and how they depend upon each other. We will look at simple food chains and find out about sources of food.

Computing: This term we are learning about the technology in our classroom and getting to grips with how to use our new Google log ins on the Chrome books, developing our keyboard skills and touch pad control too.

History

We are going to be learning all about the Great Fire of London this term, and into Term 2. We will start by thinking about what London was like in 1666 and how it differs to London now. The children will then learn how the fire started and the events in the days following.



Art

This term our unit is drawing.. We will be developing our drawing skills and think about how to use our mark making to represent moods and movement. We will be looking at work by the illustrator Beth Krommes.

RE

The children will be learning about the creation story and thinking about why the word 'God' is so important to Christians. They will be learning about ways Christians say thank you to God and looking at the bible and discussing it's importance. They will then prepare for Harvest festival.



PSHE

We will be thinking about families, friendships and feelings. We will think about how we can care for and support each other.

PE

We will exploring the 'fundamentals' this term; working on jumping, hopping + skipping, including with a rope, as well as exploring how our bodies move differently at different speeds.

Geography

Our unit this term is looking at the Human and Physical features in our surrounding area. They will learn what makes human and physical feature is and will then spot them on our walk around the local area. Back in class the children will then use this knowledge to create a map, labelling the different features and think about their importance.

Music

We will using old-school hip hop style music to explore the differences between pitch, rhythm and pulse + learn how to rap!

DT

We will be learning about textiles and repurposing clothing to create something useful. We will be developing our sewing skills whilst finding out about Kaffe Fassett and his colourful textile designs.

Spanish

We are reviewing familiar introduction phrases, including Hola!, Como estas?, muy bien!, gracias, como te llamas... Children will practise these phrases through role play conversations.