

English

From now on, English will consist of both Talk for Writing and Power of Reading units. The first will be *Aliens Love Underpants!* The children will be exposed to a mix of both fiction and non-fiction, as well as poetry.



Of course, we will continue to practice our spellings, joining our handwriting and checking over our work to check that it makes sense and that it has all of those key ingredients, i.e. capital letters, full stops and appropriate, interesting adjectives and adverbs.

How you can help at home:

Visit the library and find new books to share at home. Encourage your child to talk about things that interest them. Practise writing at home e.g. shopping lists, letters to friends, football scores etc. Check that your child is both sitting and holding their pencil correctly. Revisit key spelling lists as regularly as possible. Listen to your child read daily and make a comment in their reading record (even a signature written on the correct day will do).
<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.htm>
<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zgkw2hv>

Maths

Daily mental maths and key number skills will continue- number bonds, tables, calculations +, -, x, ÷, =, counting on/back in 1s & 10s from any number, partitioning numbers.



Place Value:

Year 1: Count to 100 starting from any number. Count in multiples of 2s, 5s, and 10s. Given a number, identify one more and one less. Read and write numbers from 1-20 in both numerals and words. Understand 'equal to'.

Year 2: Count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 from 0, forwards and backwards. Recognise the place value of each digit (tens and ones). Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words. Compare and order numbers using < > and =.

We will then move on to investigating properties of shape, addition and subtraction and learning to tell the time.

How you can help at home: Regular practise of number bonds and tables. Encourage your child to work on their skills for their passports (we will send further details to support you). Encourage your child to make money values and to calculate change, to tell you what the time is and to measure ingredients using scales when cooking.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

Science

Everyday materials

Children will identify, sort, test, group and compare a range of materials in preparation for a special project.

How you can help at home:

Make observations about what different materials there might be. When around the home and out in the local environment, decide what different things are made from.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zrssgk7>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=63>



Animals including Humans

Topics for this unit will include Animal Babies, Growing and Changing, Basic Needs, Healthy Eating, Exercise and Hygiene.

History/Geography

We will be looking at the history of transport and developing an awareness of the past. We will ask questions, look at sources and understand that sources are evidence and that usually, there is no single correct answer to a historical enquiry. Timelines will be introduced.

In geography, pupils will be studying their local area with transport modes in mind.

How you can help at home:

Children could interview their grandparents, asking them what has changed since they were young. Encourage your child to find out what their favourite mode of transport might be!

There are also lots of educational videos on YouTube, such as

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaLCQo8NJFA>



PE

Indoor: Gymnastics- balancing and travelling then dance

Outdoor: Athletics- throwing and catching followed by games- bat and ball skills



Design Technology (DT)

The children will be designing and making their very own alien puppet. They will have a simple criteria to follow and will develop their ideas through talking and mock ups. To finish the process, the children will complete an evaluation.

Art

The second art project will focus on Andy Warhol (cans and foods).

How you can help at home:

Children can become familiar with this artist by researching him on websites such as <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-andy-warhol>

Also, they could practise using different media, such as wax crayons, pastels and paints.

Aliens!

Autumn terms 1 & 2 2018

Teal, Indigo and Azure



Special Events!

For Year 2, swimming begins on Tuesday 18th September and ends on Tuesday 27th November. During this time, Year 1 will be outdoor learning.

Cotswold Motoring Museum trip dates:

Year 1: Tuesday 2nd October

Year 2: Wednesday 3rd October

RE

Term 1: What do Hindus believe about God?

Term 2: Gospel and Trinity



Computing

Communicating- using technology respectfully and safely. To learn basic computer skills such as switching a computer on, using a mouse, trackpad, opening windows, typing and dragging.

Values/P4C

Term 1: Generosity

Term 2: Perseverance

P4C skills

Music

Hands, Feet, Heart

Baboushka

KS1 Christmas Production -TBC

How you can help at home:

Please listen to your child read for at least 10 minutes daily, as this will help to improve their fluency and comprehension skills. Reading for pleasure is extremely important because it fires the imagination. If you also read to your child, they will benefit as they will hear the rhythm and expression needed to make a book come to life. **Please ensure that you actively engage with your child during reading sessions, and sign and date the reading record daily as you hear your child read. Every child should engage with a book for at least 10 minutes every day - this makes the world of difference!**

Maths skills - please practise mental maths skills with your children. If you are in any doubt as to what these should be, please consult the school website or ask your child's class teacher. Practising 'real' maths is also extremely useful, for example learning to tell the time and counting money out when shopping. My Maths activities will be added to the My Maths website (your child will get a login for this, which will be stuck into their reading record shortly).

Growth Mindset attitude/Learning Powers - At Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy, we encourage a Growth Mindset and the understanding that mistakes are marvellous! We use the 'learning powers' (in KS1 these are animals) to help us with the following learning skills: concentrate; enjoy learning; don't give up; be curious; be co-operative; have a go; keep improving; use your imagination.

Some useful websites

MATHS

www.mymaths.co.uk

<http://www.snappymaths.com/>

www.mathszone.co.uk

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/maths-owl/maths>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

ENGLISH

<http://www.sentenceplay.co.uk/sentenceGames.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/sentences/read/1/

<http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html>

<http://www.nessy.com/uk/>

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-site/expert-help/grammar-punctuation-and-spelling-made-easy>

<https://www.spellzone.com>

<https://vocabularyninja.wordpress.com/about>

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory

<http://ancienthistory.mrdonn.org/index.html>

www.kidsgeo.com

www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/geography

SCIENCE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zrssgk7>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=63>