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Catkins Class Newsletter Summer 1 Term

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed some good weather recently and hope it continues further into the Summer Term.

The humanities focus this term will be about famous people, such as Mary Anning. We will be creating fact files about these people and will be learning about the different sources of information to support our fact finding. In science we will be learning about plants and will do some of our own planting. We will be exploring leaves within the school grounds and will use these leaves to create some pieces of artwork. We will also be focussing on animals and their habitats within the second half of the term. We will continue to use the I pads to take photos, create movies and find information safely from the internet about the topics mentioned above. Our RE work will involve exploring how religions and beliefs can have a positive effect on how people live their lives. The learning will take place through discussions and will be recorded in different forms in their books, as well as acting out different scenarios. Our SCARF module is entitled 'Living in the wider world' and will include work about getting on with others and learning about the purpose of money. We have some exciting workshops this term to look forward to, such as circus skills, a cricket session and we will have the chance to work with a local artist to create some pieces of artwork using resources from the outdoors! We also have another partnership day to look forward to, where we will work with Merriott First School on some activities related to our topics in science and history. As swimming has come to an end, we will be using the time to do some forest school! We will be learning about the outdoors and will use it to take part in a range of activities that will support and promote working both creatively and collaboratively.

In English we will learn the story of Jack and the beanstalk. We will then create our own 'rags to riches' story. We will also write a recount of the circus skills workshop and we will of course be enjoying some poetry by using actions to help us learn a range of poems. This will be linked to the competition held by the Somerset Literacy Network. We will continue to work on spelling and grammar as well as your child's individual targets within their independent writing.



In Maths we will continue to work on individual targets, particularly with the Foundation Stage children, where we will be filling any gaps in your child's learning. This will be done by creating fun activities to develop their understanding of Maths. In Year One we will be teaching some capacity before working on the basics of number, to ensure they have a good understanding of place value before moving into Year two next year. The Year Two children will spend some time working on fractions before developing their understanding of number, to ensure that they have a range of strategies to solve different word and number problems and are able to explain the reasoning.

The Foundation Stage children will have the opportunity to spend more time outside and will be creating their own Beanstalks and giants with the resources available. We will also be doing some capacity work with the water, as well as exploring leaves and soil using magnifying glasses. We might even add some water to the soil for some messy play!

Thank you

Mrs Sutton

