

Curriculum Overview

Spring 1 2024

Plum Tree Class

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We have already made a great start to the year with lots of hard work and progress. We are really proud of the efforts we have seen so far! As we are in the midst of Winter, please ensure students are arriving at school every day with labelled coats.

Spring term is very short so it is even more important for children to be arriving on time everyday and completing their reading plus and homework so that they don't miss valuable learning. Please make an appointment to speak to us about anything or catch us at the gate if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours in Education,
Adam Robinson



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Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

Tuesday January 9th School starts for all children from 8:45am	Wednesday January 17th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping my child with Reading (Years 3,4,5 & 6)
Fridays January 19th & 26th February 2nd & 9th Family Coaching Service: Managing Anger Workshops 4 week course 9:00-10:30am <small>Limited places - link to follow for sign up</small>	Thursday January 25th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Supporting learning music at home
Wednesday January 31st Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping your child with Arithmetic (for Year 1, 2 & 3)	Thursday February 1st Hackney Schools Choir performance at Hackney Church - Times to follow.
Wednesday February 7th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am SaLT Support (Speech and Language team) Language focus with Katherine	Friday February 9th Last day of Spring Term Part 1 - Half term break ends for all children at 3:30pm .
Tuesday February 20th Spring term part 2 starts for all children from 8:45am .	Wednesday February 21st Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping you child with Arithmetic (for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday - Friday February 28th - March 1st Final Ufton Court trip (3) for Year 4 children. Depart 8:00am 28/2/24	Wednesday March 6th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping at home with spelling (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Thursday March 7th World Book Day More information to follow	Tuesday & Wednesday March 19th & 20th Children's Progress Meetings for Parents.
Wednesday March 27th Coffee Morning for parents and carers Year 6 assessment information session 8:45am in person and 5:00pm online	Thursday March 28th Spring term ends - school finishes at 1:45pm. (No clubs or after school care)

Writing

We will begin by creating balanced arguments on the positives and negatives of the NHS, focusing on using cohesive adverbials. We will then be writing a formal letter to the Minister for Health regarding the state of healthcare in Britain. Our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar focus' will include correct use of capital letters and full stops, question marks, and the active and passive voice.

RE

This term, we are investigating the big question 'What does it mean to be a Buddhist?' We will be learning about some of the key principles and ideas that underpin the Buddhist faith and comparing them with both other religions and non-religious people.

Computing

We will be looking into the use of storyboards, and how to create different media in order to become advertisers.

PE days

PE this term is swimming on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE uniform.

Reading

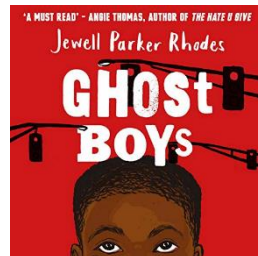
This term in Reading we will be looking at a variety of different questions, and learning the best, and most efficient ways to answer them. We will look at Play scripts (Johnny and the Dead), and extract information on how the circulatory system works. Our main focus book will be Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes, where we will use different skills including inference, impressions of characters, and the author's choice of vocabulary.



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*This half term in
Year 6 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*

Our class reader this half term is...



Maths

We are focusing on a number of topic areas in maths. We will be continuing to develop our arithmetic skills as well as exploring how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages before moving onto area and perimeter.

History / Geography

This term we will be looking at the right to health. We will explore the history of the NHS, how it was established and how it changed. We will look at the geography of the UK, in both physical human forms.

Science

This term we will be looking at the human body, and in particular the circulatory system. We will look at how the heart and lungs work, how our lifestyles affect this, and also witness a heart dissection to see the different parts of the heart and how it functions.