

## Spring

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break. The children have come back enthusiastically and read to learn.

This term, our topics are "The Sunshine State" and "Ancient Civilisations".

### English

**Class books: A range of poetry; non-fiction texts about a range of topics including Ancient Civilisations.**

**Writing genres: poetry; biography; information text**

We will be learning about homophones, how we can create rhythm and rhyme, figurative language (similes; metaphor; onomatopoeia), how to group our sentences together to form paragraphs and how to use adverbs to sequence our ideas. We will continue to learn the skills of planning, editing and re-drafting our writing.

### MFL

In Spanish, we will be discussing animals that we like and don't like.

### Maths

We are continuing to learn about multiplication and solving multiplication and division problems that involve the **4, 8 and 3 times tables**. Moving on, we will introduce different methods for multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.

### Science - Animals including humans: muscles and skeletons

We will be naming and identifying different muscles and bones in our bodies. We will learn about exoskeletons and endoskeletons and different types of animals that have these. We will be planning and performing our own investigations to answer questions (e.g., "Do people with longer arms throw further?")

### History - Ancient civilisations (with a focus on Ancient Egypt)

We will compare life in ancient civilisations with life today and think about how modern life has been influenced by ancient civilisations.

### Geography - The Sunshine State

We will learn about the geographical features of Florida, the flora and fauna and develop our map-reading skills.

### Art - Telling stories through drawing and making

The children will be studying the artworks of illustrators and sculptures. We will be telling our own stories through different mediums.

### PSHME - Belonging to a community

We will be learning about our rights and how to respect the rights of others.

### RE - Christianity

We will be learning about the bible and how Christians use its teachings during worship. We will be visiting a local church.

### PE

Outdoor sessions: football

Indoor sessions: yoga

### Computing - Programming

Our topic is sequencing sounds.

**Trips:** We will be visiting the Tate Modern to complement our learning in Art.

**Ms Lewis - Magpie Class**

**Mr Campbell-Warner - Hawk Class**

**Ms Sharrock - Kingfisher Class**



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### PE this term

**Magpie: Wednesday and Thursday**

**Hawk: Tuesday and Friday**

**Kingfisher: Monday and Friday**

Please come to school wearing clothing suitable for PE (trainers, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

### Reading & Home Learning

It is important that all children are reading regularly. **Please prioritise reading at home with your child.**

You can read any books you have at home, the Bug Club books your teacher sets or a book your child has borrowed from the class reading corner. Your child could read on their own, out loud to you or you could read to your child.

Additionally, each week, the children are set a maths task (Sumdog), a reading task (BugClub) and a spelling activity (Weduc).

Every two weeks, the children are given two Me Book tasks (paper copy).

You can choose to do as much of these tasks as you feel is appropriate for your child.



**Logins**

All login details are in your child's Special Me book. Please make a note in your child's Me Book if you need this information reissued.