



Welcome back to a new term at The Duke of Bedford! We hope you had a nice Christmas break. Below is a short description of the learning that will be taking place across the curriculum for the duration of the Spring term in your child's class.

The children have some exciting topics coming up this term. Keep checking Seesaw for photographs of some of our practical lessons and make sure you visit us for 'Open Classroom!'

coming up
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Cook, Miss Foster, Mrs Bird
and Mrs Sibley.

## Year 1 PE days

Monday and Friday
Please send your child's PE kit
into school and they can keep it
on their peg.

Please ensure that all jewellery is removed for PE days.

Subject	Term 1	Term 2
PSHE	Diversities and Community  In Spring 1 we will be looking at developing the children's sense of personal identity and self worth. We will look at considering and respecting the needs and views of others. We will learn about different groups and cultures within our community, and about the importance of not stereotyping people on the basis of difference. We will explore the make up of our community, the needs of different people within it, and the people who help within their roles.	Personal Safety  In Spring 2 the children will learn how to keep themselves safe in a variety of personal safety contexts. We will begin by identifying those people the children feel safe and comfortable talking to if they have a worry. We will assess how safe we feel in the school building and grounds, and we will also consider safer places to play outside school. The children will practise assessing risk, and will develop strategies for keeping safe, including learning about and practising assertiveness skills.
English	Hermelin This term we will be looking at the story Hermelin. We will be using the story to work on our grammar in particular looking at suffixes and prefixes. We will develop the skills to produce our own detective narrative based on the story Hermelin. Constantly reviewing capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will then look at the structure of a letter and practise writing one to one of the characters within the story about a lost item.	Where the wild things are. This term we will be looking at the story Where the Wild Things Are. We will be using the story to work on our grammar in particular looking at adjectives and using question marks and exclamation marks. We will develop the skills to produce our own narrative based on the story. Constantly reviewing the correct spellings of our Year 1 words. We will then look at the structure of an informative text and practice writing to inform our reader.
Class Book	'Fantastic Facts About Mice' by Miles Merchant 'Deer Greenpeace' by Simon James 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' by Julia Donaldson	'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen 'Not now Bernard' by David McKee 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson
Maths	*Place value - numbers to 20 including reading and writing numbers, counting accurately, ordering and comparing numbers and identifying one more and one less.	*Place value - numbers to 50 including reading and writing numbers, counting accurately, ordering and comparing numbers and identifying one more and one less.

	*Addition and subtraction within 20.	*Addition and subtraction within 50.
	*Measurement-weight, height and capacity.	* Multiplication-2's, 5's and 10's.
Science	Types of animals  This term in science we will be finding out all about different types of animals. We will discover that some animals are suitable to keep as pets and others aren't and find out the different between domestic and wild animals. We will also discover that animals are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores and be able to group different animals using this information.	Parts of animals  In this unit of work we will be looking at external body parts and what we use them for. We will also learn about the 5 senses and how humans use them to navigate the world around us. We will look at some of the animals we learnt about in the previous term and consider how their body parts are the same or different to our own and find out why some animals need different parts.
Computing	Programming a moving robot This term the children will be introduced to early programming concepts. They will explore using individual commands, both with other learners and as part of a computer program. They will identify what each command for a floor robot does, and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs. The children will also be taught what an algorithm is and how it tells a program what to do.	Grouping data This term the children will be introduced to data and information. We will look at labelling, grouping, and searching data and information within a program. The children will learn how computers group and present data and how to read it. We will also review how to save and open files.
D&T		Playgrounds The children will explore equipment within playgrounds and then look at how to join and strengthen materials to make their own playground. They will design, make and evaluate their own playground using materials such as paper, card, plasticine, blu tack and masking tape.
Art	Print Making The children will be learning that we can make a "plate" from which to "print" • That there is a relationship between plate and print: e.g. negative / positive. • That we can use print to create "multiples" • That we can explore line, shape, colour and texture to explore pattern, sequence, symmetry and intention.	
Geography		Local area study The children will at the local area. We will discuss and explore Thorney and talk about the Human and Physical features of it. We will look at maps of Thorney and create our own map using our knowledge of the village. At the end of the unit we will make a leaflet informing others about Thorney.

## Nursing **History** This term we will look at present day hospitals and compare them with their Victorian counterparts. We will discuss hygiene and what hospitals are used for. We will then move onto looking at two significant nurses from the Victorian era Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will investigate their lives and discuss what was so special about them. Fitness and netball PE Orienteering and dance This term in fitness we will look at developing This term in orienteering we will look at our jumping, speed, stamina and agility skills. parachute games, using a compass to find We will use circuits and relays to develop things, picture orienteering and obstacle these. courses. In netball we will look at throwing and catching In dance we will learn dances such as the as well as ball control, such as bouncing in a lion's dance, the circus dance and the jungle straight line. We will develop our teamwork by dance. We will then develop and produce our playing short games. own dance. How does a Christian family celebrate RE How does a Jewish family celebrate their faith? their faith? This term in RE we will be discovering special events that take place within Jewish families. This term the children will learn about We will learn about the importance of Shabbat everyday life for a Christian family. We will and the things that happen during this time. learn about some of the key features of a church and enhance this learning with a visit We will also find out about the Synagogue, the Jewish place of worship and some of the special to the Abbey. We will also learn about events that take place here. Christenings and Baptisms and how Sundays are special days for Christians. Round and Round In the groove Music This term the children will look at one song in This term the children will look at the song the styles of blues, baroque, Latin, folk, funk round and round and discuss pitch, rhythm and bhangra. They will listen and appraise each and pulse. They will look at using piece of music, practice using the instruments instruments to play and perform the song in to play the song and have a go at singing it too. groups.