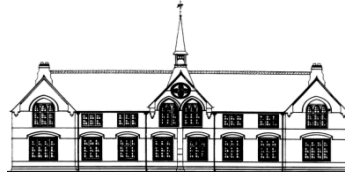


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Dear Parents, Guardians & Pupils,

In conjunction with the new National Curriculum introduced in September 2014, the New Town Primary School curriculum is now taught through 'topics'. Children learn in lots of different ways, and we plan to be able to cater for many varied styles of learning through our curriculum, using a broad theme or topic to link together many subjects. It is proven that where children can make links and connections between their learning and the real world it helps them to become better learners and develop a real thirst for knowledge.

In response to parental feedback we now send out a Curriculum Booklet three times each academic year. It not only tells you some more details about the planned curriculum for the term ahead, but also outlines our expectations of learning at home, and shows you how you can help to build further connections and help children to develop a deep love of learning both inside and outside school.

As always, I thank you for your continued support in helping New Town to provide the best education and opportunities possible for our children.

Miss P. Cornish

Head of School



Literacy

In literacy this term we will begin by reading some great stories including 'Not Now Bernard!' and 'Owl Babies'. We will explore these stories to help us understand the characters, events and settings and we will retell the stories to our friends. We will learn about non chronological reports and we will write a report for Bernard telling him how to look after his monster!

Science

In science we will be learning about the different seasons and observing changes that happen across the seasons. We will observe and describe weather and will do some exciting experiments related to weather! We will investigate the differences between a summer's day and a winter's day and re-create some weather we experience in the UK.

Autumn
Term 1
Year 1 Topic:
**Houses and
Homes**



Maths

Our maths lessons will feature lots of number crunching skills so that we can build fantastic mental maths recall. We will practise counting to 100, forwards and backwards as this will help us to solve problems mentally. We will learn to read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals. We will work on doubling and halving a number up to 20. We will be learning how to apply our knowledge to help us solve problems.

Creative Curriculum, RE & PE

This term we will be finding out about buildings in our local area and beyond. In DT we will be creating sketches of homes. In art we will be looking at different artists' work and painting in different ways ourselves. In computing we will be learning how to stay safe online and how to use websites for learning. In RE we will focus on the Harvest Festival and we will learn about places of worship. In PE we will be developing balance, agility and co-ordination in gymnastics and team games.

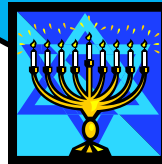
Literacy

In the second part of the autumn term we will learn how to write a newspaper report and we will write reports related to bonfire night and the gunpowder plot using basic punctuation in our sentences. The class will also learn about poetry and will be able to enjoy some wonderful poems about festivals and celebrations. Later we will hear some poems about bonfires and fireworks.

Science

We will be developing our skills of enquiry this term through experimenting with materials and their properties. We will be asking questions and working out how we can answer them. We will make predictions about materials and their uses and then experiment to find out if our predictions are correct. We will begin to understand the purposes of materials and what they can be used for, e.g. plastic being used for a bottle, brick being used for a house.

Autumn Term 2 Year 1 Topic: Festivals



Maths

Our maths lessons will feature lots of practice using physical resources to improve our problem solving skills. The class will be developing a variety of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will learn how describe the properties of shapes and we will order events into chronological order. We will continue to work on reading and writing numerals to 20 and beyond.

Creative Curriculum, RE & PE

This term we will focus on celebrations of various religions. In art and DT we will be learning how to mix colours when painting and we will be looking at Mondrian art. In geography we will be looking at the school and the surrounding area. In history we will learn about the royal family and in RE we will be thinking about Jesus as a gift from God. During PE lessons we will learn dances from around the world.

Reading

- Listen to your child read each night and sign the reading record to show they have read
- Discuss the book with your child and ask questions about what they have read
- Apply reading skills through activities such as reading and following a recipe and reading an instruction manual
- Read age appropriate newspapers or comics together to encourage a love of reading

Language Development

- It is important that children continue to practise their English language skills outside of school, especially during the school holidays
- Continue developing home language if different to English
- Practise spellings on a weekly basis
- Play games to help children build vocabulary e.g. Boggle, Scrabble, I-Spy, Lotto

Ways you
can help at
home:

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Maths

- Learn number bonds to 10
- Practise calculations such as division through sharing out food at mealtimes
- Play board games and other games involving number skills
- Learn about measures through helping with cooking
- Children should complete one maths homework sheet per week to practise ongoing skills

Resources

- Visit your local library which offers internet access and a range of exciting and engaging books for no cost
- There are a huge variety of websites which can support your child's learning
- Please ensure you always supervise children carefully whilst using the internet
 - phonicsplay.co.uk
 - educationcity.co.uk
 - espresso.co.uk
 - bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1