

YEAR 1

Classes: Bumblebee, Ladybird and Laurel

Topic for the Term: Winter

Key Question: How does weather in winter compare to other seasons?



At the end of Term 2, we will be creating a Winter Wonderland in our classrooms.

English

We will be looking at fiction texts:

- The Snowflake Mistake by Lou Treleaven and Maddie Frost
- The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Alberg.

And non-fiction:

- Secrets of Winter by Carron Brown and Georgina Tee

We will be writing simple sentences for a variety of purposes, with a focus on using phonics for spelling, and we will also be writing informal letters.

Maths

We will be counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 100, naming and identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, identifying 'o'clock' times, and understanding the vocabulary to compare weight and mass.

Science

We will be learning about seasonal changes, including observing and recording data. We will be learning to compare and describe a variety of common animals.

History

We will be learning about Florence Nightingale and her impact on life today.

Geography

We will be using maps to identify the UK and its four countries and learning about weather patterns in the UK.

RE

We will be exploring our Key Question: What gifts might Christians have given Jesus if he had been born in my town?

Art and DT

Through continuous provision, we will be exploring different mediums and techniques in Art and developing our understanding of building and construction techniques in DT. We will use a range of materials and techniques to design and make products for our Winter Wonderlands.

Computing

We will be learning about technology around us, including in the classroom, and developing computing skills.

PSHE

Staying safe at home, school and the wider world.

Homework

At Warren Wood Primary Academy, we believe that homework makes an important contribution to your child's learning. Homework can provide the opportunity to reinforce work completed at school or prepare for work coming up. It gives your child the opportunity to work independently, although you should support your child and take an interest in the work they are completing.

We expect children to read a minimum of three times a week. All children who are reading Bug Club books are allocated a selection of books that can be read via the Bug Club website. These are linked to their phonic phase. Reading online is our preferred method of home reading but if you prefer your child to have a physical book, we change reading books twice a week. Children who are using Accelerated Reader can change books once they have taken a comprehension quiz on Accelerated Reader.

Spellings will be sent home weekly to learn.

Maths is set weekly on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Children are also encouraged to use Numbots to practise their number bonds.

Homework:

Weekly spellings, sent home on Friday.

Maths: weekly - set on Friday, return by Wednesday, plus Numbots practice.

Reading: minimum 3 x times a week.



Uniform / PE Kit



We would ask that all children wear appropriate uniform at all times, including house team T-shirts for PE (available to purchase through Parent Pay). If there is a particular reason why your child is not in full uniform, please email the school.

If your child is unable to participate in PE lessons on any given day, please forward us an explanation. The easiest and most convenient way to contact us is through the class email addresses (please see below in the 'contacting the teacher' section).

Appropriate PE kit is important for safety and hygiene reasons, (black shorts, house coloured T shirt, black tracksuit and trainers or plimsolls). We will contact parents if children forget kit repeatedly. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings: these will need to be removed beforehand. **Year 1 PE days are every Monday and Wednesday – on these days children should wear their PE kit into school, rather than bring it in separately.**

Contacting the teacher

Teacher contact should be made using the following email addresses:

Bumblebee Class: wwbumblebee@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

Ladybird Class: wwladybird@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

Laurel Class: wwlaurel@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

You can also contact the office via phone for information. If you need your child's teacher to phone you back, the office will let us know and we will phone you back at the earliest possible opportunity.



Bumblebee Class

Teacher: Mrs Piper

Student Teacher: Miss Compton

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wells

Ladybird Class

Teacher: Mrs Lawns

Teaching Assistant: Miss Grimson

Laurel Class

Teacher: Miss Simpson

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Porter

