

What Lime are learning	Hints for helping your child
<p>English</p> <p>We will continue to follow the English Curriculum and will focus on developing pupils' spoken language, reading, writing and vocabulary.</p> <p>Reading:</p> <p>We will be exploring the features of a variety of texts – both fiction and non-fiction.</p> <p>The children will be reading in groups in Guided Reading sessions and will also be given time to read by themselves.</p> <p>The children should bring in their book bags every day and reading records will be checked once a week.</p> <p>Writing</p> <p>This term, children will be taught to plan, draft, write, edit and evaluate their own writing. We will work on selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary.</p> <p>Spoken language</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to participate in class discussions and to share their work with one another. They will be taught to speak clearly and convey ideas confidently.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to read for at least fifteen minutes every day and discuss their reading with them.</p> <p>Encourage your child to develop an interest in newspapers / magazines and use the local library.</p> <p>Children will continue to have the opportunity to take books out of the school library and the class book corner. They should bring their book bags and reading books to school on a daily basis. Please remind your child to return their and change them regularly.</p> <p>Please help your child practise spelling words as they arise in weekly homework. These are sent home weekly on Thursday to be learnt in time for a test the following Thursday.</p>
<p>Maths</p> <p>The children will learn to:</p> <p>Multiplication and division</p> <p>Multiply and divide 2 digit by 1 digit numbers. 3x4x8x tables.</p> <p>Mass and capacity</p> <p>Measure in grams and kilograms, find equivalent masses and capacity, add and subtract mass and capacity, compare mass and capacity.</p> <p>Length & perimeter</p> <p>Measure, compare, add and subtract lengths. Calculate perimeter</p> <p>Fractions</p> <p>Understand unit and non-unit fractions, compare fractions, order fractions, fractions on a number line.</p>	<p>Try to sit with your child while they do their homework and ask them to show and explain the methods they have been learning. Look for and play with numbers around the local area for example buses, door numbers and prices in shops. Discuss different uses for weight and capacity in the real world. Use scales when cooking to read weights. Help them to learn their times tables. Play Maths games online – e.g. www.ictgames.com and www.topmarks.com login.mathletics.com etc</p> <p>Play maths games online:</p> <p>www.primarygames.co.uk</p> <p>www.mathszone.co.uk</p> <p>www.timestables.co.uk</p> <p>www.trockstars.com</p>
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Electricity. <p>Children will learn how to make a circuit. They will learn the standard symbols for electrical components in circuits and know how to change the brightness of a bulb.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Light <p>Children will learn about how we see things.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revision. <p>Children will review the content of the science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage your child to ask questions and help them to research the answers. ● Visit the Science Museum..

<p>curriculum.</p> <p>Computing</p> <p>1. We are Researchers</p> <p>The children research a topic – safely, effectively and efficiently – using a structured approach (mind mapping). They share their findings with others through a short multimedia presentation.</p> <p>2. We are Programmers</p> <p>The children will learn how to use the Scratch software to write code and code.org.</p>	<p>Support children to use Google and other search engines.</p> <p>Practise using Scratch online: https://scratch.mit.edu/</p> <p>Encourage your child to use computers sensibly and please discuss internet safety with them.</p>
<p>History</p> <p>Ancient Egypt</p> <p>Learn about life in ancient Egypt and the importance of the river Nile. Explore and research different artefacts from ancient Egypt and what they tell us about the past.</p>	<p>Visit the British Museum with your child to look at the Egyptian artefacts. Make a pyramid out of 'junk'. Learn about Tutankhamun 'the boy king'. Use the internet and your local library to find out more about ancient Egypt.</p>
<p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● America <p>Children will study the physical and political geography of the USA. They will compare and contrast life in a desert location with that of London.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If possible, encourage your child to undertake research (at the library or on the internet) of the class topics. ● Allow your child to use an atlas.
<p>Art</p> <p>Make observational sketches of ancient Egyptian objects. Use the medium of clay to design and make their own amulet or a Canopic jar.</p>	<p>Help your child to create their own sketch book at home to practice their drawing and shading. Make a replica of Tutankhamun's death mask out of recycled cardboard boxes.</p>
<p>DT</p> <p>In groups, children will construct electric buggies, using a range of equipment, including craft knives and glue guns.</p>	<p>If possible, encourage your child to research how to construct different buggies</p>
<p>RE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christianity <p>Pupils will learn about Art in Christianity.</p>	<p>Support your child researching Christianity using the internet or the library.</p> <p>Discuss how the religions learnt about in class compare to other religions, including the child's own faith where relevant.</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>Children will sing and play music in 2 parts and transfer known songs to tuned instruments</p>	<p>Encourage your child to listen to a range of musical styles at home and discuss the instruments they can hear</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>This term the children will have the opportunity to play invasion games such as Netball and Hockey. For our indoor PE, the children will be learning dance as well as competing in mini-athletics events including throwing, jumping and balancing.</p>	<p>Take your child to the park for running, sports and other healthy activities.</p> <p>Take your child swimming.</p> <p>Play games with children, involving throwing and catching balls.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> <p>In our PSHE workshops we will be considering how to develop a healthy and safer lifestyle. To know what makes them feel happy and positive about life and how exercise, leisure and relationships can affect our health.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about how your family has a healthy and safe lifestyle. Children can make a poster, bring it in to school and present it to the class.</p>

<p>French</p> <p>We will be learning the names of fruits as well as to say the colours in French. We will be consolidating the vocabulary we have already learnt.</p>	<p>Here are some websites that can support your child with their French.</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench www.cartoonito.co.uk/french www.duolingo.com</p>
<p>Additional Useful Information</p> <p><u>Homework</u> Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and must be returned by the following Wednesday. Please ensure that your child understands the homework and remind them to ask for a copy if they are absent on a Thursday. It is a good idea to find a regular time to complete homework and avoid leaving it until Tuesday night in case your child has difficulty understanding their work.</p> <p><u>Reading at home</u> Your child will also be required to read at home every night and you should either listen to your child read aloud and/or discuss what they have read to ensure that they understand and enjoy their reading. It is very important that your child reads regularly! Your child will have access to an online reading programme called Reading Eggs. They can access this from school or at home. This counts towards their daily reading. We encourage giving children some screen time for this each week. www.readingeggs.com</p>	



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Spring 1: Egypt
Spring 2: USA

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