

# Ally Pally Class, Spring 1 Curriculum

## Newsletter

**This term Year 5 children will be learning about and exploring the following areas:**

### Writing

We will be reading and interpreting a version of Red Riding Hood. The writing toolkit we will cover this term is *suspense*: hiding the threat, personification, use of senses, element of surprise, suggestion, revealing the character's thoughts, using sentences of 3.

### Reading

For our BIG READ this term we will be reading 'Brightstorm: A Sky-ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy'.

We will be developing skills of prediction, inference, making connections and looking closely at emotive language.

Once a week, we will also respond to an unseen text. This is to develop and practice our comprehension skills.

### Spelling

We practise our spellings on a daily basis. We use the platform 'Spelling Planet' to support us during spelling lessons. As part of their homework, their log book will be sent home so that they can practise the key spelling words from that week.

### Science

Our topic this term is materials. We will be experimenting and discussing the different properties of materials, the impact of thermal conductors and insulators, electrical conductors, separating mixtures and irreversible changes.

### History

This term we will be learning about the Elizabethan era. We will explore what life was like during this period and reflect on the impact of certain events/decisions.

### Art

In Art this term we will be exploring the portraits of the Elizabethans and how their costumes reflected their status and values. We will be creating a 3D model of an Elizabethan character, using a variety of materials including papier mache, textiles, and tin foil. This links to both our History and Science (materials) topics this term.

### Maths



This term we will be learning about:

- improper and mixed fractions
- order and compare fractions
- add and subtract fractions
- multiply up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number
- short division
- divide with remainders
- solving problems with multiplication and division

### Music



We will be continuing our music lessons with Ken on a Monday.

### Spanish



Spanish will now be taught by Raquel on Monday.

### PSHE

Our focus this term will be on relationships; managing friendships and peer influence; physical contact and feeling safe; responding respectfully and recognizing prejudice and discrimination.

We may also engage with mindfulness and re-engaging activities online to support whole class regulation. Occasionally, we may watch CBBC's Newsround to facilitate conversations about the wider world.

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### PE

We will be going swimming every Wednesday afternoon at Clissold Leisure Centre. Please make sure you send your child to school with their swimming kit on Wednesdays.

We will also have cricket every Friday with Jerry. Please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately.

Weather permitting, we also participate in the daily mile. Otherwise, we engage with just dance to keep our bodies moving.

### Homework

We will send homework home on a Friday. Please return by the following Wednesday. Homework is a place for your children to celebrate their learning. All work will be familiar to them.

At the beginning of each term, I will send out a block of optional tasks that can be selected to complete throughout the term.

Our class assembly will be at 9.10am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### Parent/carer volunteers

On Wednesdays, we will be going swimming in the afternoons. For safety purposes, we need 3 adults per journey. Therefore, it would be very helpful to have one volunteer per journey to accompany 2 members of staff. Thank you if you have volunteered in the past.

I have created an editable document that I will share via ping so that you can add your names to a date if you are available to volunteer. I will contact any volunteers separately the week prior to confirm. Please note that if you are able to accompany the class for both journeys there and back, then you are welcome to sit poolside and observe the lesson.

Thank you in advance for any volunteers for these journeys. The school is continuously grateful for the support we receive.

### Additional

- If anyone has any old games that they would like to donate to our wet play collection, then we will gratefully welcome them to our classroom. This will help to keep the activities replenished when we can't go outside during playtimes.
- Please make sure that your children bring a **warm, waterproof** coat to school every day. If possible, playtimes and exercise will take place outside in the playground.
- Although not banned from school, Pokemon cards are discouraged and the pupils have all been informed that the school can't take responsibility for any lost/damaged cards. Please advise your children accordingly.

Please contact me on [Year5@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:Year5@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk)

I will be checking emails at least 3 times a week.