

'Why Does Change Happen?'

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 1 2023

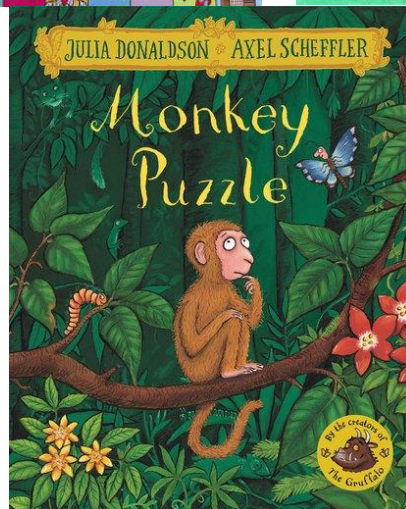
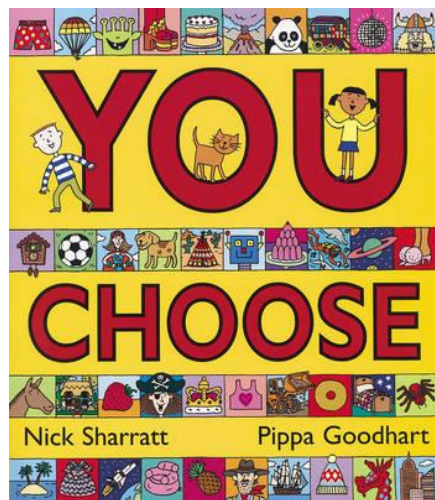
Dear Park Mead Families,

Welcome back. We really hope everybody had a fun and relaxing summer. We are really looking forward to starting our new topic. This term we will be exploring,

'Why does change happen?'

This topic will support the children in understanding change and the impact this has in their lives.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be looking at and some of the work we will be doing in teacher focused activities and group work. We are also placing an emphasis on recalling number facts quickly towards knowing them 'off by heart'.

'Why does change happen?' Learning Map Term 1 2023

Literacy	Speaking and Listening 	Repetition and alliteration 	Exploring Stories 	
Maths	Number and place value 		Addition and subtraction 	
Science	Scientific enquiry 	Healthy eating 	Hygiene 	Exercise 
History	What is History? 	My personal history 	Events in my lifetime 	
Music	Songs about me 			
ICT	E-Safety 		Maze explorers 	
PSHE		Being me in the world 		
Art	Mark making 	Tones 	Illustrations 	
RE	Being Unique 	Friendship 	Caring for Others 	

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in the reading record book</u>. At this stage of their education, this is an absolute priority.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p> <p>Children will be on a numbered OR coloured reading phase and can change these as frequently as they need to. It is recommended to re-read books so they don't just develop decoding skills, but fluency and comprehension too. So please do not worry if you read the same book all week. The current thinking in education is that this is a really GOOD thing. It means ALL reading skills are being developed. Please feel free to have a chat about this on the gate if you want more information</p>
Maths	<p>Number Fact recall is vital for children to be successful in maths. This is called maths 'fluency.' This is where they can quickly answer questions like $10+2$ or $10-8$. A sheet will be sent home to help with this. Quick-fire questions in the car or whilst waiting in queues are the best way! Try to make it as fun as possible...</p> <p>The BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>Purple Mash Times Tables Games: https://www.purplemash.com/</p> <p>Search for 'speed tests' and then choose the one that you would like to practise. Once the logins are set up properly for this year, your child will have a log in card to bring home with the information.</p>

Useful Websites to support learning.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/htbw/>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/humanbody.html>

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and **book bag** each day. Unless your child really needs one, please do not send in rucksacks as we have limited space in the cloakroom!
- During hot weather, please can children wear **suncream** and bring a **suitable hat**.
- Can the children please always have a **coat** in school, as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE days are **Monday and Friday** (apart from the next two weeks) so please wear PE kit into school.
- Children can bring things in for Show & Tell on **Fridays**, but only TOPIC related or something that they have achieved outside of school.

- 1) Can you discuss number, e.g what number is one more than 9?
- 2) Can you name some of the parts of your body, e.g head?
- 3) Can you find out about a significant event in the past?

Our two squirrels will be coming home with the children if they see a particular display of kindness, demonstrating the 'Charter' or the new school values – Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. ALL pupils will get to take them home (I have a list!!!) so please reassure them if they worry they haven't been chosen yet.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

The Chestnuts Team;

Mrs. Adams, Mrs Hale, Mrs Foot and Mrs Wood