Speaking and Listening

The children will be encouraged to develop their confidence and verbal presentation skills through frequent planned opportunities throughout the day. The children will be asked to discuss their work, learning and ideas with partners, in small group situations, as well as with the whole class. They will also be asked to respond to comments made by others in the class through short Philosophy sessions (P4C).

Reading and Writing

English lessons will focus on the genres of poetry and classic fiction and understanding writing techniques used. The children will be given opportunities for extended writing. Teaching will encourage the children to enjoy reading and make book recommendations to others. Each week, the class will have a spelling, punctuation and grammar focus. These may be reinforced through homework tasks. In addition to daily English lessons (Read, Write Inc), the children have daily Guided Reading sessions.

Number

The children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of the number system by extending their place value skills. We will be using ‘numicon’ as a resource. Most children will be expected to read, write and work with numbers to 100.

The children will also be taught how to solve problems using addition and subtraction and recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

Topic

The children will learn the properties of physical money in coins and notes, as well as being able to identify which is worth more. Children will also begin to add amounts and calculate change from a given amount.

Science

During the first half term, the children will be studying ‘Materials’. They will investigate the properties of differing materials, choosing the most appropriate materials according to their functions.

After the half term holiday, they will be studying ‘Growing Up’ which will link to their ‘All about me’ topic. They will be learning about what babies need and how we change growing up.

Computing

This term’s computing lessons will focus on the importance of online safety. The children will discuss appropriate online behaviour. They will develop an understanding of algorithms and create a simple computer game using Espresso Coding.
The first half term Topic is called 'Land Ahoy'
Geography, History, RE

In Geography, the children will be using maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom including: the countries and major cities as well as the continents and oceans on a world map.

In History the children will be looking at famous pirates and explorers such as Black Beard, Red Beard and Captain Cook.

In R.E, the children will be learning about the beliefs of different religions through the festivals they celebrate. They will also learn more about their own lives, families and communities.

The next half term Topic is called 'Wiggle and Crawl'
Art, DT and Music

The children will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. They will plant seeds and investigate what is needed for plants to develop and grow. They will collect and record data, using cross curricular maths skills.

They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival.

In Music, the children will be exploring beat and rhythm and they will also be investigating the different ways in which sounds are made and changed.

Additional Information

Homework expectations: The children will benefit from short, daily reading sessions at home. Parents are asked to discuss their child's book with them and Log in to DB Primary to evidence this. Children should also practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables regularly so that they are able to recall multiplication and division facts instantly. The children will be given online homework tasks each Friday and are expected to complete it by the following Wednesday. Library is on Tuesday- please make sure your child brings their book back every week.

Useful websites:
- https://fairway.barnet.sch.uk
- DB Primary (login from our school website)
- espresso.co.uk (U: student21068 P: fairway1)
- spag.com (login from class teacher)
- spellingframe.com

Possible family visits
- The Natural History Museum (free admission)
- The Science Museum (free admission)
- Trooping the colour - (free - Central London)
- Tower of London (charge)

Forthcoming events: Harvest Festival

PE

The children will be doing Gymnastics this term. They will start by creating sequences which involve travelling along different pathways and then move onto sequences which involve linking movements together.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (with their name labelled clearly) in school every Wednesday (white T-shirt, black shorts and plimsoles).