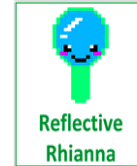




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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Larwood
Term: Spring 1

English:

We will continue reading our class novel *The Legend of Podkin One Ear* by Kieran Larwood this half-term, before going on to read *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr and the picture book *Voices in the Park* by Anthony Browne.

In reading lessons, children will continue to develop their reading fluency and practice retrieval questions to support their comprehension.

Children will practice spelling and handwriting daily. Our focus in writing this half-term is using conjunctions and paragraphs in narratives.

Maths:

Our primary focus in Maths this half-term is multiplication. Children will build on their knowledge of multiplication from previous years and apply their growing multiplicative fluency to a greater depth. Pupils will understand the structure behind multiplication, spot patterns in known tables, and use their knowledge of multiplication to solve problems.

Time will also be allocated for children to continue to build their mathematical fluency, including TT Rockstar sessions. LBQ (Learning by Questions) will also be utilized to support reasoning alongside the maths curriculum.

Science:

Our Scientific focus is Biology this half-term, specifically ecology. Children will discover how living things are connected in the great web of life, observe how food chains are constructed and how animals and plants in a habitat rely on one another to survive. Children will work scientifically to classify organisms by their role in an ecosystem, and observe and identify living things in our immediate environment. We will finish the topic by considering the impact of global warming and climate change on ecosystems around the world.

History:

In History this half-term, we are continuing to look at civilizations from the past, as we turn our attention to life in Ancient Rome. Children will learn how Rome went from a monarchy to a republic to an empire. Children will understand how life varied for Romans of different classes, as well as learning about Latin, Roman leisure activities and the town of Pompeii.

Geography:

Building on our learning of European Countries from previous terms, children in Larwood Class will be focusing on countries in Eastern Europe this term. Children will learn about the Balkan and Baltic regions, use graphs and data to interpret climate patterns, and observe physical and human geographical features across the countries studied.

Religious Education:

In RE, children in Larwood Class will be focusing on the religion of Islam. In particular, children will be considering how prayer is important for those of the Islamic faith. Children will learn about the Qur'an and significant figures and teachings that it contains. Children will understand the purpose of a mosque in Islam, and learn about the different ways in which Muslims worship.

PSHE:

During PSHE lessons, children will develop their understanding of the importance of money, and build a sense of financial responsibility. We will learn about saving and budgeting, and consider the difference between wants and needs. Children will also work on self-regulation strategies as we learn about different emotional states, and take part in school council discussions as part of weekly PSHE lessons.

Art:

Our focus in art this half-term is design. Children will be looking at the components of art that they have learned about in previous terms and years and understand how they can be combined to create a coherent piece of artwork. Children will look at famous masterpieces including Munch's *The Scream* and Matisse's *The Fall of Icarus* and recreate these in their own way.

PE:

In Indoor PE, children will be learning the principles of balance. They will link floor and apparatus balances to create a sequence of actions, focusing on control, form and poise. Our focus for Outdoor PE is ball handling. Children will develop their skills in bouncing, throwing, catching and passing a ball, before applying their skills to game scenarios.

Music:

In Music this half-term, children will be learning about Rock and Roll music. We will listen to classic examples of the genre, including Rock Around the Clock and Born to Hand Jive. Children will learn a dance to accompany a piece of music, developing

their skills in keeping time, before learning how to play a bass line with percussion instruments.

Computing:

Children will be taking a journey 'inside' a computer this half-term, looking at how the inner workings of PCs and laptops enable us to work and access the internet. Children will discover how parts of a computer work together to connect, learn the importance of a computer's memory, and identify similarities and differences between computers and tablets.

Foreign Language:

In French this half-term, children in Year 3 will be learning classroom instructions, the name of animals and Easter traditions, as well as singing some French songs. Children in Year 4 will also be learning Easter traditions, as well as learning about the weather and giving their opinions on different sports.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

How are living things connected to one another?

What is the legacy of Ancient Rome?

What are the similarities and differences between Eastern European countries?

Why is prayer important to Muslims?

What is the difference between a want and a need?

How do components of art combine to create a masterpiece?

Why is balance important in movement?

Why is a bass line important in Rock and Roll music?

How does a computer's memory work?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: Producer, Consumer, Decomposer, Microhabitat, Pollution.

History: Empire, Republic, Forum, Plebeian, Patrician.

Geography: Continental Climate, Baltic, Balkan, Peninsula, Cyrillic.

RE: Prophet, Qur'an, Shahada, Mosque, Allah.

PSHE: Budgeting, Saving, Borrowing, Poverty, Financial Responsibility.

Art: Design, Composition, Collage, Expressionism, Complementary.

PE: Balance, Form, Catch, Throw, Tactics.

Music: Bass Line, Rhythm, Beat, Rock and Roll, Jive.

Computing: Monitor, CPU, RAM, Hard Drive, Storage.

Other Information:

Please ensure that children come to school with a water bottle (filled) each day. This is essential to keep hydrated!

PE days will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Outdoor PE will be on a Monday and indoor PE will be on a Wednesday.

Weekly spelling assignments will be uploaded to Spelling Shed, which follow the Year 3/4 programme of study.

Children can access Times Tables Rockstars at home to develop their multiplicative fluency. LBQ tasks are set weekly for a reasoning focused independent study.

Please ensure that your child reads EVERY DAY.

Larwood Class Assembly will take place after the celebration assembly on Friday 24th January. This is an opportunity for the children to share their learning from the previous term with you.