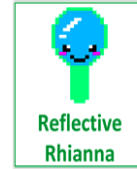




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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Larwood
Term: Spring 2

English:

We will continue reading our class novel *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr this half-term, before moving on to *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Graham.

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 writing formally, including letter writing.

Maths:

Our primary focus in Maths this half-term is column addition and subtraction. Children will learn when using a formal written method is appropriate, understand the purpose of regrouping and exchanging, and use these strategies 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 physics this half-term, specifically sound. Children will learn that sound travels through vibrations, and work scientifically to discover how pitch, volume and the speed of sound are affected by different properties. Children will also learn about the human side of sound, looking closely at the voice and eardrums.

History:

In History this half-term, we are continuing to look at the Empire of Ancient Rome. Children will learn how the great civilization grew in power and size, and its eventual demise. We will look at significant historical figures, including Julius Caesar and Hannibal, and the impact of Christianity on the Empire (and Europe as a whole).

Geography:

In Geography this half-term, children are focusing on the country of Northern Ireland. We will look closely at the counties that make up Northern Ireland, discuss the relationship between the country and the United Kingdom, and look closely at features including Lough Neagh and Giant's Causeway.

Religious Education:

In RE, we will be learning about the importance of the Easter story to Christians. We will revisit the Easter story, learn about the period of Lent, and how Easter is celebrated at home and in church by different Christians.

PSHE:

In PSHE this half-term, children in Larwood Class will be considering ways to manage risk. We will look at risks in our local area, such as busy roads and waterways, and discuss how we can stay safe and manage the risks that we are presented with. Children will learn how to assess risky situations and learn some basic first aid skills.

Art:

Building on our learning in History, our Art unit this half-term focuses on monuments of Ancient Rome. Children will learn about the Colosseum and Pantheon, before reconstructing their own models. Following instructions and working towards a design, children will use a variety of materials to recreate these famous examples of Roman architecture.

PE:

In indoor PE this half-term, our focus is dance. Using the solar system as inspiration, children will use changes in speed, strength, level, direction and space to create a performance piece linked to the planets. In outdoor PE children will be furthering their ball handling skills from last half-term and applying dribbling and passing to games of basketball.

Music:

Inspired by the Hanami festival in Japan, children in Larwood class will be listening to and creating music that represents blossom trees. Children will think carefully about the sounds they might hear, create their own sounds using instruments, and perform a piece of music in celebration of the festival.

Computing:

In computing, children will be learning how to work collaboratively with others to create and edit documents online. Children will learn how to comment on another's work, accept others edits and review changes to their documents. They will understand the importance of being thoughtful and safe while sharing documents online.

Foreign Language:

In French this half-term, children in Year 3 will continue learning classroom instructions, the name of animals and Easter traditions, as well as learning about days of the week and months of the year. Children in Year 4 will also be learning Easter traditions, as well as learning and giving their opinions on different sports and hobbies.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

How does sound travel?
What caused the fall of Ancient Rome?
Why is Northern Ireland a popular tourist destination?
What is the legacy of the Easter story?
How can we stay safe in our local environment?
How do composers use different timbres to describe the movement of trees?
How can we work with others on computers?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: Sound, Pitch, Volume, Vacuum, Vibration.
History: Dictator, Civil War, Assassination, Alliance, Persecution.
Geography: County, Tourism, Independence, Stalagmite, Stalactite.
Art: Pantheon, Portico, Oculus, Colosseum, Arch.
PSHE: Risk, Safety, First Aid, Dangers, Responsibility.
RE: Easter, Lent, Disciple, Apostle, Worship.
Music: Staccato, Col Legno, Pizzicato, Glissando, Haiku.
Computing: Collaboration, Comment, Edit, Spreadsheet, Review.

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.