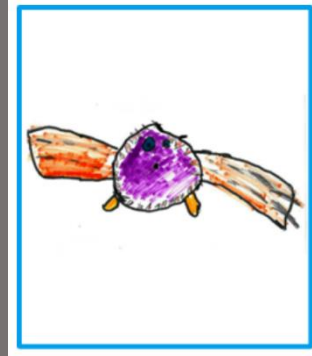




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## Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



**Class: Wenzel**  
**Term: Summer 1**

### English:

In English, we will begin by reading *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by John Scieszka. We will compare the events with the original, decide whether the wolf is telling the truth, and write entertaining sentences from different characters' points of view. Next, we will study a beautiful book by our class author Brendan Wenzel: *A Stone Sat Still*. We will record the changes that take place in the environment around the stone. This half term, we will also write about many of our own first-hand experiences, such as our trip and outdoor learning during healthy week.

### Maths:

Year 1s will deepen their understanding of numbers 0 to 20. They will place them on a number line, identify odd and even numbers, double and halve numbers within 20, and become fluent with addition and subtraction facts to 20. They will also estimate and measure the length of objects in cm using a ruler. This half term, both year groups will learn about money; Year 1s will recognise coins, count them in 2s, 5s and 10s and combine coins to make amounts up to 20p. Year 2s will recognise notes and combine coins to make amounts up to £1.00. Year 2s will learn to find fractions of a quantity or shape ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ). In addition, they will explore whole, half and quarter turns, both clockwise and anti-clockwise. This will link to their learning about telling the time on an analogue clock (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, then to the nearest five-minute interval).

### Science:

In Science, pupils will become young investigators as they explore the fascinating world of materials and matter. They will learn to identify everyday materials such as wood, plastic, metal, and glass, and discover how their unique properties — such as being bendy, shiny, or opaque — make them perfect for different uses. We will also explore how scientists use microscopes to observe materials more closely,

uncovering how some objects look completely different when magnified. Pupils will be introduced to the tiny particles that make up everything around us and learn the differences between solids and liquids — including how some materials, like water, can be both!

### **Geography:**

In our unit on 'Northern Europe', we will locate its countries on a map and identify their capital cities and flags. We will learn about some of its famous human features - including statues and bridges - and physical features – such as fjords and evergreen forests. After learning that Nordic winters are very cold, we will find out about animal adaptation and migration. Finally, we will learn about the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his successful expedition to the South Pole.

### **Religious Education:**

In RE, we will be learning about what it means to live a Christian life. Children will explore the role of the church, including what happens there and why, such as worship, baptisms, and weddings. We will also learn how Christian families practice their faith at home through prayer, Bible reading and celebrating special festivals like Easter and Christmas. As part of our learning, we will hear the inspiring story of Mary Jones and find out what it means to be a missionary.

### **PSHE:**

This half term, we will be learning about 'Healthy Lifestyles'. We will talk about different ways to keep our bodies healthy. When learning about physical exercise, we will talk about the changes that take place in our body when we are active. When learning about the importance of having a balanced diet, we will look at the 'Eatwell plate'. We will learn that foods can be grouped - for example, carbohydrates, fruit and vegetables and protein.

### **Art:**

Our unit on 'Landscape and Symmetry' will continue, with a focus on seascapes. We will discuss Turner's use of different brushstrokes to create sky and waves. We will paint the sea, then use oil pastels for a boat. We will look for symmetry in Goldsworthy's natural beach art, for example, how he uses reflections of sticks in water. We will learn about symmetry in famous paintings such as da Vinci's *The Last Supper*.

### **PE:**

This half term, both **Tuesday** and **Thursday** PE lessons will take place outdoors, with a focus on athletics in preparation for Sports Day. We will be learning to throw overarm and to run in sprinting, relay and long-distance races. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor PE kit, including trainers.

### **Music:**

This half term, our budding musicians will blast off into the world of space-themed music! They will explore how sound can capture the vastness and mystery of the universe, using key musical elements such as dynamics, tempo, pitch, rhythm, and

texture. Pupils will listen to famous space-inspired compositions, identify sound effects that bring the cosmos to life, and even experiment with creating their own intergalactic soundscapes.

### **Computing:**

In Computing, we will dive into the creative world of animation! Pupils will learn how to create their own flip book animations, take clear and focused photos using a digital camera, and upload images from the school network. As they bring stories to life, they will break down a narrative into key scenes, then use their skills to craft stop-motion animations with small, detailed changes between frames. It's a fantastic blend of storytelling, tech skills, and imagination — we can't wait to see their creations!

### **Big Questions for the Half Term:**

Science: How do we choose the right material for the job?

Geography: What is it like to live in Northern Europe?

RE: How do Christian families celebrate their faith?

PSHE: How do I know if I have a healthy lifestyle?

Art: How are these artworks the same or different?

PE: How can we use our bodies to move faster and throw further?

Music: How can we use music to explore the universe?

Computing: How can we tell stories without using words?

### **Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:**

Science: matter, liquid, materials, solid, atoms, properties, transparent, opaque

Geography: Scandinavia, Nordic, weather, climate, migration, compass, adapt, explorer, human features, physical features, Sámi People, Roald Amundsen

Art: landscape, seascape, method, sketch, brushstroke, symmetry/symmetrical, natural materials, temporary

RE: Mary Jones, church, New Testament, Sunday School, Choir, prayer, hymns, baptism, wedding, worship, grace, festival, harvest, missionary.

PSHE: exercise, active, food groups, balanced diet, health, physical activity

PE: run, sprint, jog, pace, race, throw, aim, target, distance, power  
start line, finish line, track, lane, relay

Music: composer, dynamics, pitch pattern, planet, representation, soundscape, tempo

Computing: animate, animation, animator, background, decompose, digital camera, duration, flipbook, focus, frames, import, moving images, object, plan, save, still images, upload

### **Other Information:**

As the weather gets warmer, we also ask that children bring a water bottle, sunhat, and have sun cream applied before school on sunny days.