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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Larwood
Term: Summer 2

English:

In English this half-term, we will start by focusing on poetry, using creative writing skills developed in previous terms to create a descriptive poem. We will then continue to develop our practice of implementing punctuation and grammar rules into various forms of fiction and non-fiction writing. Daily practice of spellings, handwriting and reading fluency will also be part of English lessons. This half-term, we will read *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman.

Maths:

Our focus in Maths lessons this half-term continues to be fractions. Children will build on their knowledge of non-unit fractions and fractions greater than 1. Children will learn how to add and subtract fractions and calculate fractions of amounts. 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:

In Science, children in Larwood Class will be studying electricity. Children will understand the importance and uses of electricity whilst also understanding the risks and dangers that electricity can pose. Children will create simple circuits including batteries, wires, bulbs, and switches, before investigating which materials can be used to conduct electricity.

History:

In History this half-term, we are continuing our unit on The Stuarts. Children will learn about Oliver Cromwell and the restoration of Charles II, before looking at significant events such as the Great Fire of London, The Plague and the passing of The Bill of Rights.

Geography:

In Geography, children will be learning about the country of Japan. We will look at the four islands that make up Japan, learn about the weather, climate and physical features, and discover the cultural history of Japan's feudal system.

Religious Education:

In RE, we will be considering the question: why do some people go on a spiritual journey? We will reflect on Jesus' spiritual journey from a child visiting the temple to an adult, and consider the spiritual journey of scientist and conservationist, Jane Goodall.

PSHE:

Our focus for PSHE this half-term is relationships. Making links to previous learning in Science, children will consider the human life cycle in more detail, from how babies are formed to what it means to grow. Children will also think about how responsibilities change as we get older.

Art:

In Art, we are focusing on needlework and embroidery. Children will learn about famous examples of needlework; design embroidery patterns of their own and use a variety of stitches to create appealing products.

PE:

In PE, children will be taking part in outdoor adventurous activities (OAA). These activities will help to build children's communication, teamwork and leadership skills, as various problem solving tasks are presented to them. We will also be swimming this half-term – dates of which can be found below.

Computing:

In computing this half-term, children will be showcasing their coding skills by using HTML. Children will learn how HTML works, change lines of code and alter images and text on webpages.

Music:

Samba is the genre of focus for Music this half-term. Children will listen to and appraise the South American music style, play percussion instruments using syncopation and perform rhythm breaks within a piece.

Foreign Language:

In French this half-term, children will be recapping and reviewing what they have learned over the course of this year. Children in Year 3 will also focus on where they live, while Year 4 pupils will learn French words for body parts.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

If electricity is dangerous, why do we use it?
How did England change during the Stuart period?
How has Japan changed over time?

Why do some people go on a spiritual journey?
How do we change as we grow?
What are the uses of different stitches?
Why is teamwork important?
How can we alter websites?
What is Samba music like?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: Electricity, Circuit, Current, Conductor, Insulator.
History: Plague, Commonwealth, Bubonic, Revolution, Bill of Rights.
Geography: Feudal, Tsunami, Samurai, Kimono, Origami.
RE: Spiritual, Beliefs, Pilgrimage, World View, Awakening.
PSHE: Sperm Cell, Egg Cell, Adolescent, Responsibility.
Art: Needlework, Embroidery, Cross-stitch, Tapestry, Weaving.
PE: OAA, Teamwork, Leadership, Communication, Water Safety.
Computing: Code, Content, HTML, Copyright, Web Page.
Music: Samba, Syncopation, Rhythm, Off-beat, Break.

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. We have two PE sessions in the swimming pool: Wednesday 25th June and Wednesday 9th July. These will replace ordinary PE lessons on those days.

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

Year 4's have their Multiplication Tables Check at the start of June. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars and practice their tables in preparation.

LBQ tasks are set weekly for a reasoning focused independent study.

Please ensure that your child reads EVERY DAY