

Being safe, being respectful, being *our* best

Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Blabey
Term: Autumn 1

English:

This half-term we will be reading *The Bad Guys* by Alan Blabey and Ottoline and *the Yellow Cat* by Chris Riddell. We will practice spelling and handwriting daily as part of English lessons. Our writing focus is on sentence structure and oral rehearsal, as we build narratives and non-fiction texts.

Maths:

In Maths, children will begin by securing their understanding of additive relationships, before looking at the number sense and place value of 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. Children will also learn about mass and capacity, learning to read and interpret scales and reason with measurements. Daily practice will be given to multiplication tables and number facts.

Science:

Children will learn about the human body in Science this half-term, with a particular focus on the systems of the human body. We will find out about voluntary and involuntary muscles, discover how our skeletal system supports us, and learn how our teeth, stomach and intestines combine to digest food.

History:

In History we are learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will gain an understanding of what life was like at different stages during pre-history, including how living conditions, tools and food changed throughout the 10,000 year period studied.

Religious Education:

In RE this half-term, we will be looking at different religions around the world and identifying key differences in their beliefs and practices. Children will learn about new cultures and traditions, developing their values of tolerance and respect.

PSHE:

In PSHE this half-term, we are introducing children to the Zones of Regulation digital curriculum. Children will learn to identify emotions, including physical body signals, and start to build an understanding of self-regulation.

Art:

In Art this half-term, we will be deepening our understanding of how line is used in sketches. We will be studying artists including Hokusai, Moore and da Vinci, and observing how line has been used in their most famous artworks to different effects.

PE:

Outdoor PE this term will be on a Monday, and will focus on striking and fielding a ball. Children will learn how fielding and batting tactics are used in cricket and apply them to small sided games. Indoor PE takes place on a Wednesday, and will look at balance and movement in gymnastics.

Music:

In Music, children will be listening to music from South Africa in order to develop their rhythmic, singing and notation skills. Children will learn basic staff notation and use this to play tuned instruments.

Computing:

In Computing, children will learn how to communicate digitally using emails. We will learn how to write and send emails, including adding attachments. Children will also understand the importance of safe and responsible online communication.

MFL:

In French lessons, children will learn how to use greetings. They will also explore numbers and facts about France, helping them develop both language skills and cultural awareness.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

How do the systems of our body keep us alive?
How did Britain change between the Stone Age and the Iron Age?
How can we use line in our artwork?
Why is communicating via email useful?
How can I improve my accuracy when fielding and striking?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: muscles, skeleton, digestive system, nervous system, nutrition
History: Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, henge, artefact
Art: Line, Sketch, Form, Print, Weight
PE: Fielding, Striking, Long Barrier, Tactics
Music: Notation, Minims, Semibreves, Crotchet, Rest
Computing: Email, Subject, Attachment, Communication, Scam

Other Information:

PE days this term are:

Monday – Outdoor

Wednesday – Indoor

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

Children in Year 4 will sit their Multiplication Tables Check in June. It is important to start practicing and increasing the speed of recall. TT Rockstars is an excellent resource – remember, little and often – and children will be sent home with a multiplication practice book, with weekly assignments. Children in Year 3 are encouraged to also access TT Rockstars regularly and secure their known tables.

Please ensure that your child reads every day.