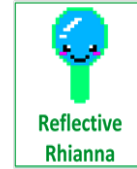




Being safe, being
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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Riddell
Term: Spring 2

English:

Our text this half-term is *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. Children will use this heartwarming tale to inspire instructional writing and the creative writing of narratives. Children will continue to practice spelling and handwriting daily.

Maths:

In Maths, children will focus on fractions this half-term. Children will learn the difference between unit and non-unit fractions, be able to identify a fraction of an object or an amount, and be able to compare and order fractions. Children in Year 4 will also learn about fractions greater than one.

Science:

In Science, children in Riddell Class will be studying plants. Children will learn what a botanist is, and identify the features and functions of a flowering plant. Children will observe how water is moved around the parts of a plant, and develop a deeper understanding of pollination and seed dispersal.

History:

In History this term, children are continuing their studies of the Anglo Saxons, the Scots and the Vikings. Developing on their understanding from Spring 1, children will learn about Viking culture and settlements, as well as finding out about significant people and events, such as Alfred the Great, Edward the Confessor and the Battle of Hastings.

Geography:

In Geography, children in Riddell Class will be learning about the South West of England. Children will be able to locate the area (including counties and significant settlements) on a map, identify aspects of human and physical Geography, and identify how the area has changed over time.

Religious Education:

In RE, we will be looking at how Christians celebrate their faith around Easter. Children will learn the impact of the church at Easter time, the types of celebrations that occur and Easter traditions at home. Children will hear stories from the bible, and learn how to use a bible for reference.

PSHE:

In PSHE this half-term, our focus will be healthy lifestyles and drug education. Children will learn about the differences between legal and illegal substances, associated risks and how to stay safe. Children will also understand the use of medicines.

Art:

In Art this half-term, children in Riddell Class will be studying the art of the Anglo-Saxons, and recreating the pieces in their own styles. Children will use watercolour paints to mimic the design of Anglo-Saxon jewellery, as well as looking at detailed lettering and calligraphy.

PE:

In outdoor PE this half-term, children in Riddell Class will be further developing their skills in tennis – using placement and rally-building to compete in small games. In indoor PE, we will be developing our skills of movement, rhythm and formation, as we study the dancing styles of rugby Hakas.

Music:

In Music, we are focusing on percussion of the human body. Children will listen to an orchestra; create a soundscape using only hands, feet and mouths, and use this as inspiration to create their own pieces of music. Children will develop listening and repeating skills, and learn how different parts of the body can be used to mimic the sounds around them.

Computing:

This half-term, children will be learning how to create and design websites. Using Google Sites, children will discover how to create web pages with a clear plan and professional look. Children will work both collaboratively and independently to plan, create and review their own websites.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

How do plants survive and thrive?

How did Britain change after the Vikings arrived?

How has the South West of England changed over time?

How do Christians celebrate Easter?
How do we protect ourselves from harmful substances?
How can we recreate the art of the Anglo-Saxons?
How can we use tennis skills to play competitively?
How can we use our bodies to create percussion?
How can we make a professional looking website?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

History: Danelaw, Conquer, Customs, Empire, Pagan.
Geography: County, South West, Peninsula, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
Science: Dispersal, Pollination, Feature, Function, Botanist.
RE: Easter, Lent, Holy Week, Faith, Resurrection.
PSHE: Legal, Illegal, Harmful, Medicine, Risk.
Art: Jewellery, Watercolour, Recreate, Design, Calligraphy.
PE: Placement, Finesse, Haka, Unison, Mirroring.
Music: Percussion, Structure, Texture, Rhythm, Melody.
Computing: Website, Tab, User, Style, Interaction.

Other Information:

PE days this term are:
Monday PM – Outdoor
Friday AM – Indoor

Curriculum Plus:

If you are having difficulty accessing TT Rockstars, Active Learn or Spelling Shed at home, please contact myself or the office. Little and often is the best way to improve.

Library:

Children are free to borrow books from the library and read at home. Please ensure children are returning any books they have borrowed when finished, so that other children may read them.

