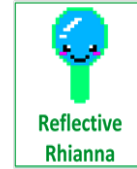




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## Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



**Class: Riddell**  
**Term: Summer 2**

### **English:**

This half-term, we are reading a new text by class author Chris Riddell. Using *Guardians of Magic* as inspiration for our writing, we will be writing diary entries, creative stories and recounts. We will also be developing our editing skills to consider our audiences.

### **Maths:**

In Maths, children are building their understanding of time – reading analogue and 24 hour digital clocks with accuracy, and converting between the two. We will also be looking at coordinates, position and movement in geometry and revisiting learning from across the year.

### **Science:**

In Science, children in Riddell Class will be studying forces and magnets. Observing and investigating forces such as gravity and friction, children will learn how a force affects an object and work scientifically to record their observations.

### **History:**

In History this term, children are learning about the War of the Roses. We will discover how the crown changed hands between the House of Lancaster and the House of York and learn what the causes of the war were. Children will investigate the perspectives of both houses and learn about important events such as the Battle of Bosworth.

### **Geography:**

In Geography, children in Riddell Class will be learning about Asia – specifically the countries of India and China. Children will learn about the physical and human geographical features of these countries, and begin to compare and contrast them.

### **Religious Education:**

In RE, we will be learning how faith is important to different people. We will be looking at notable individuals and the faith that they have, and explore how they demonstrate and act according to their beliefs. Children will continue to build their own worldview, and understand how their beliefs are similar to /different from others.

### **PSHE:**

Our focus in PSHE this year is RSE. Children will consider the human life cycle in detail, learning that a baby is formed by the joining of a sperm and an egg. Children will learn what it means to be 'grown up' and the responsibilities that come with age.

### **Art:**

In Art this half-term, children in Riddell Class will be studying modern architecture. Looking at beautiful modern buildings such as the Guggenheim in Bilbao and the Scottish Parliament Building in Edinburgh, children will make observations and draw detailed sketches while learning how architects take inspiration for their designs.

### **PE:**

In outdoor PE this half-term, children in Riddell Class will be developing their athletics skills as we take part in a pentathlon. Children will learn different throws and jumps, and take part in team relays.

### **Music:**

This half-term, Riddell Class will learn how to recognise motifs in a piece of music and be able to sing and play along to a piece inspired by the Romans in Britain. Children will build on their knowledge of music notation to play a simple, repeated melody, and improvise their own tunes.

### **Computing:**

This half-term, children will develop their computational thinking to consider how codes can be decomposed to repair bugs in a program. Children will design their own algorithms and use scratch and unplugged learning to solve problems.

### **DT:**

This term, children will be following a recipe to prepare and make a baked pasta dish. Children will learn about the importance of nutrition and a balanced diet, and use appropriate kitchen equipment to make their meal.

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

What is a force?  
Why was the War of the Roses fought?  
What are the physical and human features of China and India?  
Why is belief important to some people?  
What does it mean to be 'grown up'?  
How do modern architects take inspiration for their designs?  
What events make up a pentathlon?  
How can we think computationally?  
Why is it important to follow a recipe?

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

Science: force, magnet, gravity, friction, attract  
History: civil war, Plantagenet, Yorkist, Lancastrian, unification  
Geography: Indus Valley, Taj Mahal, River Ganges, Great Wall of China, Emperor  
RE: faith, belief, worldview, spiritual, adversity.  
PSHE: sperm, egg, reproduce, adulthood, responsibility  
PE: pentathlon, relay, push throw, sling throw, sprint  
Music: notation, motif, lyrics, tempo, rhythm  
Computing: algorithm, code, decomposition, script, variable  
DT: pasta, dough, preserve, boil, bake

### **Other Information:**

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

### **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. When books are finished, please could you encourage your child to return them, to keep our library shelves well stocked.