



## SHENSTONE LODGE SCHOOL – CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – AUTUMN 2

**CLASS: Centaur**

**CLASS TEACHER: Miss H Keyse**

*It is proven that children make accelerated rates of progress when they talk about their learning/learn with their parents or carers. To enable this we are providing you with information about what the children are learning and what they may need to prepare/practice at home.*



### SCHOOL THEME: FRIENDSHIPS



**English – this includes reading, writing, phonics, grammar, punctuation, speaking and listening**

#### **In English we will:**

- Use short and long sentences to build suspense.
- Explore rhetorical questions.
- Use a wider variety of conjunctions.
- Use a dictionary to find the meaning of new words.
- Use a thesaurus to make more ambitious vocabulary choices.
- Use adverbs to describe an action.
- Edit and amend our learning and the learning of others.



**Maths – this includes learning about using maths in real life situations**

#### **In Maths we will:**

- Subtract using mental methods.
- Understand the inverse and how it can help us.
- Use the inverse to check learning and correct mistakes.
- Complete addition and subtraction worded problems.
- Find fractions of numbers and objects.
- Order fractions.
- Write simple fractions.
- Solve word based problems.
- Measure using standard and non-standard units of measure.
- Convert measurements.
- Interpret bar charts and line graphs.
- Solve one and two step questions about data.



**Science**

#### **Our Science topic is Materials**

In this unit, children will compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, response to magnets and electrical and thermal conductivity. They will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular use of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.

Working scientifically, children will classify materials in different ways explaining their classification criteria. They will plan, carry out and interpret an investigation in trying to answer a question about the most suitable material for a given function.

### Cornerstones

#### **Our Cornerstones topic is 'Gallery Rebels'**

During this half term, we will talk about features of the artwork and sketch our favourite pieces. We will research important artwork of the 19th and 20th centuries online, choosing a favourite piece of art to describe in more detail. When we have gathered a range of materials, we will make beautiful sketchbooks and use them to collect ideas and inspiration. We will create pieces of art inspired by well-known artists and use search engines to source images of modern art to put into a digital portfolio. Art can affect our feelings and emotions, and we will investigate whether everyone responds in the same way.

### Computing

The children will be learning word processing skills. They will become familiar with keyboard layout, improve their typing speed and to save work in a folder. In addition to this, the children will be shown how to alter font size, type and colour for emphasis and effect. Using google they will learn to locate images on the internet, save images into a folder and to combine text and graphics to communicate information.



### PSHE/SMSC/Citizenship

Our theme this term is **Friendships**. We will be looking at the characteristics of a good friend, recognising that people can have different opinions and understanding why it is important for us to work together using qualities such as forgiveness and empathy.

### Physical Exercise

Your child will take part in a range of physical activities, which may include football and football. There will also be a range of extra -curricular sports activities available at lunchtime.

### RE

In RE, we will be looking at the Christmas story and the beliefs that some people have regarding this festival and looking more closely at 'What is Christmas?' and how people prepare for Christmas?

### Have a go at home

If your child has a go at anything at home then please feel free to send Shifa photographs or information. [Shifa.kamaly@shenstonelodge.co.uk](mailto:Shifa.kamaly@shenstonelodge.co.uk)

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