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Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this term. Please feel free to talk to the Class teacher about any area of this curriculum.

Mathematics

This Autumn term children will be learning about number and place value to 20. They will be using a range of resources such as tens frames and number lines to support their learning. Once children have developed a good understanding of this, they will use their new knowledge and skills to practice adding and subtracting numbers to 20.

Furthermore, in Geometry, children will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

RE

Our R.E topic this half term will be:

- Creation & Covenant.

Children will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that is comes from God. They will look at the call of God and his covenantal relationship with Abraham and Moses.

Computing

E-Safety

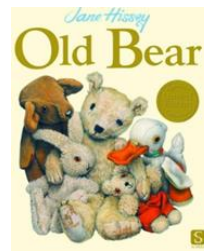
Children will be learning that they should stay safe online by choosing websites that are good for them to visit, and avoid sites that are not appropriate for them. They will understand that they need permission to be online and that they should never talk to anyone that they don't know.

Computer Skills

Children will learn the basic computer skills that they will need in order to be able to use a desktop or laptop computer. They will learn how to use a computer mouse and how to switch on and shut down a computer. They will apply their mouse skills by launching applications, manipulating windows and opening and saving files and folders. The children will also practice their clicking skills and learn how to drag objects.

English

Children will learn to talk confidently about high quality picture books and their responses to them. They will explore how language is used effectively to paint a picture for the reader and deepen their understanding. Children will look at how words and pictures are used in picture books to deepen the reader's understanding of the story. They will explore important themes of friendship, loss, courage and perseverance. Children will explore the story through a variety of teaching approaches including drama and role-play. They will complete a variety of writing tasks, including: lists, labels and captions, letter writing, character descriptions, and writing in role from a character's perspective.



Science

Forces and Space - Seasonal Changes

In this unit children will learn that there are four seasons, the names for these seasons and that there are differences between them. They will also explore how seasonal changes effect trees, weather patterns and daylight hours. Children will work scientifically by making observations, taking measurements, recording and comparing their findings.

Materials

In this unit children will have identified and named common types of materials such as wood, metal, plastic and some liquids and powdered solids. They will have labelled, collected and grouped together objects made from the same material. They will state that different objects can be manufactured from the same materials. They will say why some materials are unsuitable for some objects.



P.E.

In PE this term children will learn to create, follow and develop rules for games. With a partner, children will apply these skills through games and challenges.



Music

Move in time with the beat/pulse, responding to different tempos. Chant, rap and sing using different voices following simple cues.

RSE & P.S.H.E.

Children's mental health and wellbeing is even more at the forefront of all our learning this year. Through our lessons this term children will develop their understanding of families and relationships. They will also explore how to be safe online.

History

Investigating the past within living memory by exploring personal chronology and using photographs to ask and answer questions about the past. Pupils create simple timelines and begin to understand how their own lives fit into a sequence of events.



Geography

Through exploration of the local area, children will identify features of where we live and form opinions. In addition, they will look at maps and begin to locate countries within the UK.

Art

In Art, children will have the opportunity to develop their drawing and painting skills. They will explore thickness of lines, use of colour and create artwork that they are proud of.



D.T.

In DT children will be creating a smoothie. Children will learn how to identify fruits and vegetables and say where they grow. They will then practice food preparation skills by cutting, pressing and juicing. They will also taste fruits and select which ones they would like to include in their smoothie. Finally they will make and enjoy their own smoothie.

Key Information

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday.

Reading

Reading books are changed on Mondays however, children need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day. Please ensure you comment in your child's reading record when they have read to you, as otherwise their book cannot be changed. Ideally, we would like children to be reading at least five times per week in order to support their phonic development and recognition of words.

Spellings

Spellings will be issued on Fridays as part of your child's homework. In order for your child to be successful with learning their weekly spellings, please support them to practice them regularly throughout the week. They will have a Spelling Test on Friday mornings.