

Autumn 2021
Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

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Dear Parent,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this half-term. Please feel free to email yearthree@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk if you have any queries.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term the children we will learning about 'Number.' This topic will include the following:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

We will also be working with the children to develop their mental math and times table recall. Please practice learning the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables with your children at home.

English

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest by Lynne Cherry (Harcourt) Subtitled 'A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest' this picture book expresses clearly by means of vibrant illustrations and a patterned and poetic story, the importance of humans preserving the rainforests and the ecosystems within it for the sake of all who live on this planet. A man is ordered to cut down a great Kapok tree. He begins the task and when he tires, falls asleep at its foot. Successive animals, birds, insects and finally a child of the Yanomamo tribe all whisper in his ear cogent reasons for why he should not continue. When he awakes, will they have influenced him and what choice will he make? The book begins and ends with a map showing whereabouts in the world there are tropical rainforests and a diagram demonstrating the layers of such a forest.

Writing Outcomes

- Research
- Non-chronological report
- Soliloquy
- Speech
- Story endings

Computing- Coding

In the coming term, the children will learn about E-safety, particular about online bullying. We will also be completing the unit 'coding'. Children will be learning to design algorithms using flowcharts and deepen their understanding of the different between timers and repeat commands.

Science - Movement and Feeding

In this unit children will learn that animals including humans need the right types and amounts of nutrition to thrive and grow, and that eating the wrong types and amounts can lead to health problems. They will identify that we cannot make our own food and that we need to eat a varied diet including meat and fish, beans and lentils, fats, starchy foods, fruit and vegetables. They will construct a balanced food plate and describe what happens if we don't eat a balanced diet. Children will identify that animals have different dietary requirements and some foods that humans eat may be poisonous to animals. They will also explain the role of the muscles and skeleton and describe what would happen if we didn't have a skeleton.

P.E - OAA and Handball

The focus of the learning is to look at what makes an effective team with the focus on communication.

Children to continue to develop their passing and receiving of the ball when attacking and defending in a game situation. In handball, children will begin to understand how to pass, move into a space, receiving a pass and shooting in order to score in netball.

Music

This term the children will be learning to play an instrument (glockenspiel). We will also be learning and singing a range of hymns and Christmas songs.

PSHE

This half term, we will be exploring the topic 'Celebrating Difference'. This will involve discussing different types of families and ways to resolve conflicts. We will also be discussing bullying, ways to recognize it and deal with problems surrounding the issue.

MFL (French)

We will be recapping conversational language and moving on to animal names and numbers. We will also be reading stories and singing songs in French, as well as learning some new phonic sounds. We will also be learning about Christmas in France to finish off our lessons this half term.

Geography

During Autumn 2, we will be focusing on mapping skills. We will be using the atlases and online maps to locate and research countries, regions and counties in the UK and then in Europe. We will review some other map features, such as the lines of longitude and latitude.

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We will be researching a shell/net and looking at how we can make a shell structure designed on a computer. At the end of these sessions, children will produce a small gift box for someone in their family or a character in a book.

Class Assemblies, trips and special days:

3H Class Assembly - 17.01.22 - Rule of Law

30 Class Assembly - 31.01.22 -Candlemas and Light