




English	Maths	Theme	Other Subjects	What you can do to help your child this half-term
<p>Text types: We will look at a combination of traditional tales and stories by the same author alongside poetry and non-fiction texts including instructions and explanations.</p> <p>Grammar and punctuation: We will continue to remind children of basic sentence structure, as well as an increasing expectation for more accurate use of question and exclamation marks and commas in lists. We will look at different ways to extend sentences using commas or connectives. Children will be encouraged to reread their writing to check it is grammatically correct.</p>	<p>Area of the maths curriculum will include: introducing repeated addition as the first step for multiplication as a concept rather than by rote as we tend to learn for homework. We will rehearse addition and subtraction facts for pairs that total up to twenty, and reinforce the idea of subtraction as the inverse of addition. We will think about greater than and less than and the corresponding symbols. We will also be looking at capacity and volume, balance and weight and 3D shapes. We will be looking at time, positioning and clockwise and anticlockwise turns. We will also learn about right angles and simple fractions.</p>	<p>This term our theme in class is: Living and Growing</p>  <p>Within this theme we will be covering the following subjects: Geography- mapping and noting natural features in and around our school and immediate environment. Art- looking at 'Windows' by Jeannie Baker as inspiration for a flower collage using paper cut-outs, plus creating individual clay tiles featuring natural designs . DT- making vegetable soup, bird feeders and creating items for our flower sale Music- listening to music such as Vivaldi's 'Spring' which evokes the growth of plants and animals, and creating own 'growing' music. Scientific Enquiry- Looking at plants and animals in the local environment, and designing and making a habitat for a plant or animal.</p>	<p>Science Core -Living things and their Habitats</p> <p>ICT Skills - We are Photographers; reviewing photos online, practicing using digital cameras, taking photos of plants and creatures in our immediate environment, selecting best images to include in a shared portfolio.</p> <p>PE - Gym, creating turns, twists, spins and different ways of travelling. Plus multi skills with Mr Farrington.</p> <p>RE - looking at special natural places, as well as concepts of Islam and Judaism</p> <p>SMSC - focusing on the aging process and changing needs as well as looking after the local environment</p>	<p>It would be very helpful if you can practice writing sentences including more complex punctuation such as question and exclamation marks, and the skills of proof reading their own work. Any books you have at home or can borrow from the library related to our topic to reinforce general knowledge and applying their reading skills will be beneficial. Practice with times tables as tests will continue to be part of the children's regular homework. There is a continued expectation that you will read with your child daily and record this in the Record Diary provided.</p>

Advance - Trip Notification Details

We will be arranging a Class 2 Flower Sale, as well as a trip to a nearby supermarket for a 'Farm to Fork' learning experience during this topic. Details will follow shortly.

Homework/Spellings

All homework and spellings are set throughout the school on a Friday and are due in the following Friday.

PE Days

PE this half-term will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that children have their full kits available in school.

As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Likewise if any parents feel they have an expertise knowledge or particular interest in any aspect of what we are covering we would love to hear from you.

Signed: Mrs Wells and Mrs Sawyer