



Year 2

Summer Term 2008

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this term we are going to be studying:

- Stories by significant authors (Dahl, McNaughton, King-Smith)
- Stories with familiar settings
- Non-chronological reports

This term our writing targets are to make our work interesting by including detail and description and self-check writing for capital letters and full stops. We will also be working on other forms of punctuation, such as speech marks, question marks and exclamation marks. Our word level work will include work on prefixes, suffixes, silent letters and multi-syllabic words.



In Numeracy we are continuing to develop our mental maths strategies. This will include counting in 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 10's, odd and even numbers and recalling number facts. We will also be working on recalling multiplication and division facts for at least the 2x 5x and 10x tables. Please help your child practise these times tables. We will be focusing on activities relating to number work (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), simple fractions, problem solving, money, data handling, time (analogue and digital), rounding to the nearest ten, angle (right angles) and rotation.



We will be exploring Plants and Animals in the Environment and Electricity in Science. Through these topics we will extend our experimental and investigative skills by focusing on:

- Ideas and questions- thinking how, why, what
- Prediction- what might happen if . . .
- Measuring and Observing- grouping and classifying according to own criteria
- Interpreting- making simple comparisons
- Fair testing

We continue to enjoy using the laptops and improving our skills. This term we will be using many of the skills already learnt for our topic work, e.g.- word processing, researching using websites and CD-ROMs and presenting information.



Our cross-curricular topic after half term will be The Seaside. We will be looking at seaside holidays past and present, as well as features of seaside resorts around the world. This will also be linked to our Literacy work.

In Art the children will learn how to use a viewfinder and record their observations and ideas using a variety of methods, including sketching and collage. After half term we will be using our colour mixing techniques while looking at warm and cold colours. The children will look at, and comment on the work of illustrators.



In Music the children will explore how sounds can be changed, combined and organised to create a class composition. There will be opportunities to respond to stimuli suggested by the weather and explore ways in which sounds can be used expressively. They will record their compositions using pictures, symbols and words.

PE continues to be on a Monday and Thursday. We will be doing Games (tennis skills) and Dance this half term. We are really looking forward to swimming after half term. Sports Day will be towards the end of term so we'll soon be out practising!

In RE we will be focusing on the Special Books of the major religions and aspects of Islam.

During the term we will be formalising our End of Key Stage One teacher assessments of the children. We will continue to use a range of evidence to inform our judgements, e.g.- writing tasks, tests, planned small group activities and day-to-day work.

Thank you for your continuing support and if you have anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to come and speak to us after school.

Yours sincerely,

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