

Curriculum subjects

Over the next half term your children will be working hard to achieve new learning targets. I hope they have an enjoyable time in the classroom and you enjoy seeing your child work with enthusiasm. I have high expectations for each child and like to work in partnership with parents.

Phonics and Spelling

This half term we will be learning new phonemes in Phase 5. We will also review all phonemes learnt in Phases 2, 3 and 4. The children will be taught new sounds four times a week, with a review session once a week. Children will be taught phonics in differentiated groups and will focus on spelling using our new sounds.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read for 15 minutes daily and log this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

Children will be grouped for weekly guided reading sessions during which they will focus on decoding and blending to read with new sounds. We will also look at different types of text – fiction and non-fiction.

Writing

The children will write about their experiences of celebrations. We will also be learning a story which we will write an adaptation of, using the children's ideas. The children will design and write invitations to our end of topic tea party. The children will continue handwriting sessions and begin to focus on capital letters. We will begin to look at cursive handwriting, joining up letters where we can. We will continue working on sentence formation.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on addition and subtraction in our maths lessons. We will also have daily 'mental maths' sessions looking at recall of number bonds, shape, fractions and reviewing any learning from Autumn 1 on place value.

Religious Education

Our RE learning will be focussed on the Nativity story. We will look at the Gospels and how the accounts of Jesus' birth vary and discuss why this might be the case.

Computing

The children will use laptops in a variety of subject areas, for example during reading workshop or maths sessions. We will be using the iPad to take photos and videos of our learning. We will also use the internet as a class to research celebrations.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Let's Celebrate'. We will be having a special visitor on 'Diwali' day as our topic hook. The children will be discussing celebrations from around the world and through history. We will be looking at celebrations that are important to us and discussing why we celebrate.

Music

This half term the class will be exploring, responding and learning to recognise simple structures in music such as beginnings, middle & ends, echoes and responses through learning celebratory songs and listening to a variety of music.

PE

The children will be continuing to develop their fine and gross motor skills. We will be trying different sports including team games, dance and gymnastics. Your child will need a named kit and suitable footwear.

SEAL/PSHE

The focus this half term is on compassion. We will look at how we can show compassion to those close to us and those far away. We will discuss how giving gifts at Christmas enables people to show compassion.

Home Learning

Please read with your child for 15 minutes daily and record this at least 3 times a week in their reading record. Children will be given spellings and key words to learn each week. Homework will be given on Fridays.

Core Learning Values

We are learning to think about the skills we need to be independent, work together, be a critical and creative thinker and be reflective in our learning.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd December (pm) - 'Christmas Tea-Party' exhibition
(invitations to follow)

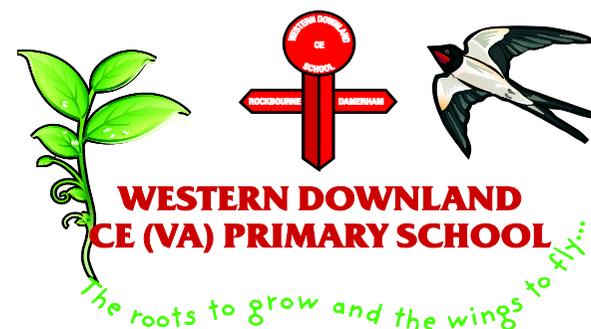
18th November- Non-Uniform Day

2nd December – Christmas Fayre

8th December – Christmas Service

16th December – KS1 Christmas Party

16th December- School Disco



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