

Modern Foreign Languages This half term 'On y va' (All Aboard) will continue to be the topic title. Pupils will learn about countries and towns; be able to name forms of transport; revise the days of the week and be able to describe weather phrases.

Physical Education/Games: Games this half term will involve problem solving and inventing games of their own invention. This will include high level group work so pupils can practice their skills in working together and speaking and listening. Pupils will also develop their balance and agility through a range of challenges they will complete in the hall.

Personal, Social and Health Education Pupils will explore what makes a healthy lifestyle, including the benefits of exercise and healthy eating. Pupils will also learn about bacteria and viruses and how they can affect our health. Pupils will be given opportunities to discuss the responsibility they have for their personal cleanliness. This links with our term topic of 'Shaping Up'.

Music

During this half term, the class will be linking their music learning to their class topic of 'Shaping Up'. The children will be exploring singing games with actions and learning how to use dynamics for expressive effect as well as identifying and understanding how rhythm patterns fit into a steady beat (using 2,3, & 4 metre). Additionally the class will be preparing for the Christmas Carol Service.

Core Learning Values This term we will focus on the 'working together' aspect of our Learning Values by integrating group work opportunities across the curriculum. This will be designed to improve pupil's skills in speaking and listening, negotiating, compromise and clear explanations of ideas.

Other Information

Games kit: Pupils will need their PE kits in school on: **Monday** and **Friday**

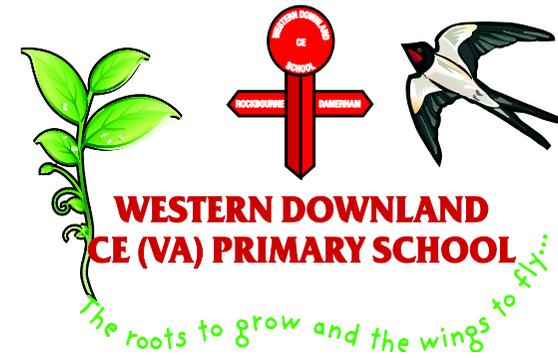
Home Learning: This is set on **Friday** for return the following **Tuesday**.

Spellings to practice (20mins approx); **Mental arithmetic task** (30 mins approx) and **Reading** (25 minutes daily). **Reading Record Comment:** three comments per week **written by pupils please** (Checked every Friday).

Dates

School Christmas Fair-Friday 2nd December

Christmas Carol Service-Thursday 8th December



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Thematic Enquiry: 'Shaping Up!'



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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 would like to work in partnership with parents. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

English

At the beginning of this term, we will be continuing our unit on narrative writing and 'discovery' stories by writing more independently while still using story mapping and oral recital to support our work. Pupils will integrate noun phrases, compound and complex sentences and a wider range of punctuation within their work and develop their understanding of these aspects of writing. After this we will improve our instructional writing skills with links to our unit topic 'Shaping Up'. To end the term, we will write poetry inspired by the season and further apply our previous work on using adjectives within noun phrases. Reading will continue to be an integral part of all learning and specific work will be planned for pupils to develop the reading skills of inference, identifying themes and conventions within texts and summarising key aspects of paragraphs. In spelling, we will continue to look at homophones as well as word building by adding common suffixes.

Mathematics This half term we will be practising column methods for subtraction and continue to look at ways to check our work by estimating or using the inverse operation. Then we will move onto multiplication and division by using known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally. We will also be beginning to explore formal written methods for x of two and three digit numbers by a one-digit number. Problem solving will also be integrated into this unit. We will then move onto a unit on area and measurement. Weekly 'multiplication and division tests will continue, where the aim is for the children to be able to recall tables instantly. Please continue to practise these with your child at home.

Science

Linking to our thematic enquiry, 'Shaping Up!' pupils will be taught the importance of the right type and amount of nutrition. They will also explore and be expected to explain the functions of skeletons and muscles. Pupils will also develop their skills as operating as scientists by writing questions, asking why, predicting, gathering evidence and using evidence to draw conclusions.

Computing

Pupils will be introduced to the light-bot simulation and use this to develop a physical light-bot simulation. After this, we will be exploring hardware by using data logger sensors and cameras within other areas of the curriculum.

Religious Education

Nearer to Christmas, we will be looking at the story of the Nativity and exploring the question: what is the most significant part of the story for Christians today? Pupils will understand the symbolism in the Christmas story, for example, what the star or magi's gifts meant and will be reflecting on what the different parts mean to Christians today.

Design Technology

Pupils will learn about simple mechanical systems (lever and linkage systems) through exploring, designing and making a poster that demonstrates the working of the human body e.g. the skeleton.

