

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

We will continue to review all known phonemes in Phases 2 – 5 and learn new pronunciations and exceptions to the rules. We will focus on reading and spelling HFWs. We will be practicing alien and real words regularly and these need to be practiced at home also in preparation for the phonics check.

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. We will be focusing on comprehension and inference. Children will read or listen to a text then answer questions (both verbal and written). When reading at home it is important to question the children about what they have read.

Writing

We are learning a new story this half term. We will be adapting the story and writing our own version. We will focus on sentence structure and begin to make our sentences longer by adding and or other conjunctions. We will learn key story and sequence language and how to use this in our story writing.

Maths

This half term we will be learning to multiply and divide by making and sharing into equal groups. We will revisit place value, dealing with higher numbers. We will also start to look at fractions and measurement including time.

Religious Education

This half term we will be learning about the story of Easter. We will investigate why this is an important time for most Christians and how the stories in the Bible are relevant today. We will also discuss the events after Easter.

Computing

The children will use laptops in a variety of subject areas, for example during reading workshop or maths sessions.

Topic

Our topic this half term is ‘Explorers’. We will be learning about famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will be looking at all seven continents and their similarities and differences.

Science

It is science week soon (13th March). If you have any expertise that the children would like to learn about please let me know! In our science lessons we will be learning about animals.

PE

The children will be continuing to develop their fine and gross motor skills. We will be doing some Games sessions outside so please ensure your child has suitable outdoor PE clothing and footwear.

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 constantly using our learning values. This half term we will be focusing on the skills we need to be independent and reflective in our learning.

Music

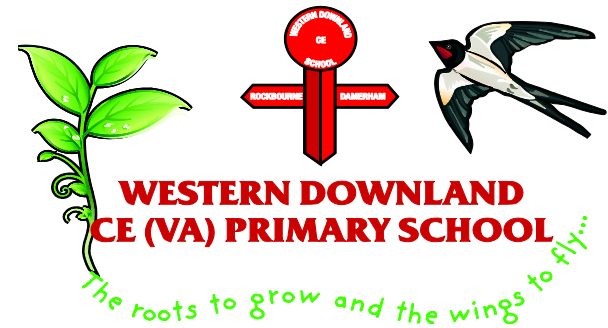
This half term the class will be learning about pitch (recognise and respond to high and low sounds) in music through singing, listening to music and playing musical games. The children will be focusing their singing on learning songs inspired by the sea including “Song of the fish” & “A sailor went to sea, sea, sea”.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 13th March - Science week

Thurs 6th April – Easter Service

Thurs 6th April – Topic landing/performance (TBC)



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