

## **Curriculum subjects**

*The following is intended to provide parents/carers with a brief outline of your child's learning opportunities this half term. If you have any concerns or queries or would like to speak to me at any time please feel free to contact me.*

### **PSED**

The focus this half term is 'Say No to Bullying'. The children will be taking part in a range of activities and discussions in order to explore: What is bullying? Why do people bully? and How does it make people feel?

### **Communication and Language**

This half term the children will be engaging in small group and whole class speaking and listening activities. Our topic this half term will involve giving and following instructions and the children will take part in a range of talk based games to extend their vocabulary.

### **Literacy**

#### **Phonics**

This half term we will be continuing our work with phase 2 phonemes, ensuring that the children are confident segmenting and blending this set of phonemes to read and write simple words. We will be focusing on the high frequency words during phonics sessions in order to support the children in beginning to read and write captions and simple sentences. We will then be moving on to Phase 3 of Letters and Sounds, in this phase the children will be introduced to digraphs (2 letters making one sound). Short phonics sessions will take place daily and will be a mixture of whole class and small group activities.

#### **Reading**

Children will be grouped for weekly guided reading sessions (these groups will change as children make progress). Phonics sessions this half term will also have a large focus on reading, ensuring that children are confident decoding and blending words. Please listen to your child read daily and see me if you would like ideas to support your child when reading. Each child now has a set of high frequency words to practice reading at home and in school, we assess the children regularly but please let me know if you feel your child needs the next set of words.

#### **Writing**

This term the children will have weekly guided writing sessions which will focus on all areas of writing. These sessions will offer children the opportunity to write for different purposes (eg: lists, labelling and instructions) as well as support them in their letter formation and spelling. The children will then be encouraged to apply what they have learnt in guided writing sessions to other activities.

### **Mathematics**

This half term the children will have daily maths sessions which will focus on the same theme each week. The children will be learning about money, pattern, measuring and calculation (addition and subtraction). In addition to this the children will continue to be working on their number sacks in school and at home. You now also have access to Ten Town at home so please use this regularly.

### **Understanding of the World**

The children will be involved in gardening, starting to plant bulbs and seeds ready to grow plants and vegetables in the spring. Through our topic work the children will be exploring the continents. We will be comparing other environments to our own as well as investigating animals, foods, stories and ways of life. We will be looking at Europe, Africa, and Asia; if you have any experiences of these places that you are willing to share with the class please let me know.

### **Expressive Art and Design**

The children will have the opportunity to experiment with clay modelling and will be exploring their senses through food tasting and making pictures using spices. This half term the children will have a pirate role play area and will be involved in a range of small world play.

### **Music**

This half term Rainbow class will be linking their music lessons to their class topic of "Pirates". The class will be learning to explore, respond and recognise fast and slow (tempo) in music, through singing songs about the sea and pirates, playing musical games and listening to different music. The class will be developing their voices to sing in character and to singing as a group, starting and stopping together following simple directions.

### **Religious Education**

This half term our main focus will be Celebrations and we will be looking at a range of festivals and celebrations to answer the question 'How do people celebrate'.

### **Topic**

This half term our topic will be 'Land Ahoy! Starting with Africa we will be using the theme of Pirates to explore different parts of the world. We will be trying food from different continents as well as exploring stories and artworks from around the world.



### **Physical Development**

This term we will focus on balancing and holding shapes with their bodies. There will also be a focus on developing the children's fine-motor skills in order to improve their letter and number formation. The children will be involved in handwriting sessions 3 times a week.

## Other Information

### Home Learning

Please work with your child regularly on their number cards and high frequency words. Please see me if you feel your child needs the next set of numbers or high frequency words, or if you would like additional ideas of how to use them at home.

### 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. During guided sessions the children are being asked to reflect on their work and self-assess how well they felt they did using a traffic light system.

### Forest School

Forest school sessions will continue on a **Wednesday afternoon** and children will need warm clothing for this half term.

### PE

Your child will need a named kit and suitable footwear. We will be going outside for Games on Thursday afternoons so your child will need outdoor footwear and tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

### Child-Initiated Learning

The children will engage in 'Choosing' activities each week which will offer them the chance to practice the skills they have been taught independently and through their own choice of activities. The resources in our classroom provide opportunities for children to engage in activities which will support their learning in all areas of the Early Years curriculum.

### **Dates for your diary:**

11<sup>th</sup> January- Friends Meeting 7pm at Churchill Arms

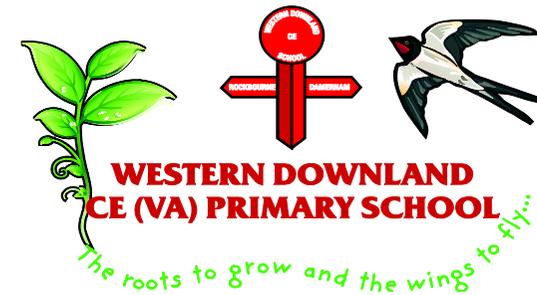
17<sup>th</sup> January- Nursery Opening Parents Information Evening 6pm at Damerham

5<sup>th</sup> February- Parent Safer Internet Workshop from NSPCC 2pm

6<sup>th</sup> February- Safer Internet Day

8<sup>th</sup> February- Rainbow Class Topic Landing (view your child's work) 2pm

9<sup>th</sup> February- Last day of term



## Rainbow Class

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