

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 term will be 'Looking after one another'. We will be discussing how we have to look after the chicks that we will be hatching and exploring why it is important to look after one another.

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 oral storytelling, we will be learning to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs and begin to order the story and write it down.

Literacy

Phonics

This half term we will be continuing with Phase 3 of Letters and Sounds, the children will be revising the phonemes introduced in this phase. We will be focusing on reading and spelling the high frequency words during phonics sessions in order to support the children in beginning to read and write captions and simple sentences. Short phonics sessions will take place daily and will be a mixture of whole class and 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.

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: recounts, diary entries, lists and labelling) 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. We will also continue to practice letter formation through daily handwriting activities, these include; finger writing in the air and in glitter or sand trays and handwriting pattern sheets.

Mathematics

The children will have daily maths sessions which will focus on the same theme each week. The children will be learning about, weight, capacity and calculation (addition and subtraction). The children will also have daily maths meeting which are an opportunity to learn about maths in everyday life. In this session we will look at: time, days of the week, months of the year, money, measuring, sorting and grouping among other things. In addition to this the children will continue to be working on their number sacks in school and at home.

Understanding of the World

Through our topic 'On the Farm' the children will be experiencing the eggs hatching and watching the chicks grow. The children will be recording the process of hatching and growing and comparing it to the growth of other animals and themselves. This will be extended through our trip to Farmer Palmers. If you have any experience looking after animals or growing plants and vegetables that you would like to share with the class please let me know. We welcome and visits from animals during this topic so the children can experience handling animals and ask questions.

Expressive Art and Design

We will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of materials through their artwork. This half term the children will have a Farm and Farm shop role play area as well as small world play. We will be using sketchbooks to observe signs of new life each week during Forest School.

Religious Education

In RE we will be learning about the Easter story and the theme of 'salvation'. We will also continue to learn about our school Christian values (love, fellowship and righteousness).

Topic

Our topic will be 'On the Farm'. The children will take part in a range of activities linked to this theme. These activities will include: oral storytelling, puppet shows, making homes for the chicks, recording the process of growth through the chicks, planting vegetables and building pens for the animals in the farm role play.

Physical Development

This term we would like to use the large apparatus at the village hall, we need parent helpers for this activity so please let me know if you can help.

Other Information

Home Learning

Please work with your child regularly on their number cards and high frequency word cards. To support your child in their reading and writing I will be sending home personalised lists of words that the children will need to learn to read and spell.

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.

PE

Your child will need a named kit and suitable footwear.

Forest School

This half term we will be looking at developing our imagination and storytelling skills. We will focus on well known stories such as The 3 Little Pigs, Stickman and Gruffalo and developing our own stories to support our story writing and imaginative play.

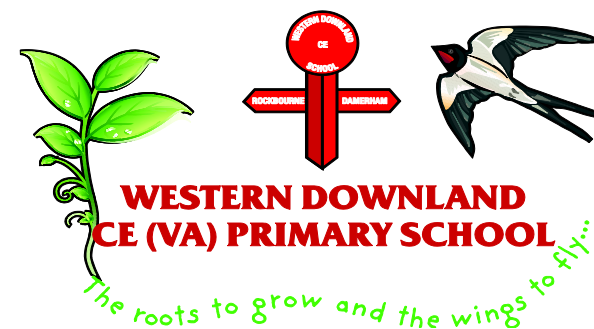
Dates

13th- 17th March- British Science and Engineering Week

17th March- Friend's Quiz Night

28th & 30th March – Forest School Open afternoons

5th April – Visit to Farmer Palmers



Rainbow Class

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