

Physical Education/Games

PE this half term pupils will have the opportunity to develop a range of fitness based activities involving circuits. They will focus on monitoring and improving their own personal best. In Games, we will be working on our striking and fielding skills in rounders. Pupils will need to develop simple tactics and understand what makes good technique.

Other Information

Games kit-Pupils will need their PE kits in school every Monday and Friday

Home Learning-

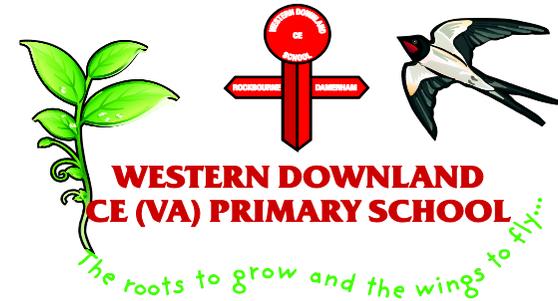
This will be set on Friday for return the following Wednesday.

- English task (20mins approx)
- Mathematics task (30 mins approx).
- Reading (25 minutes daily) with three comments per week in their Reading Record Books. (Checked every Friday).

Dates

1st May – May Bank Holiday

26th May – Sponsored Walk



Curriculum Newsletter
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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 and carers. So, if you have any comments about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Core Learning Values

The children will continue to work towards their targets previously set towards the end of last term. 'Critical and Creative thinking' and 'Working together' are the two key learning skills which will be promoted during each lesson this term.

English

We will begin the term with exploring the features of instructions: Pupils will learn how to inform someone how to accomplish something in as clear a way as possible. During this time, the story, 'The Wind in the Willows' will be read to the children and then will form the basis of a final set of instruction to help Toad. After this unit we will continue with the same story whilst engaging in discussion text. Spellings will continue to be taught both as part of the main English lesson and as separate early bird and home learning tasks each week. These include high frequency words, key words and spelling rules. Punctuation and grammar is either taught as discrete lessons or integrated into the reading/writing aspects of the English lesson. We will be continuing to write noun phrases, write in clear paragraphs, use commas in fronted adverbials, use the apostrophe correctly, vary sentence structures and include a range of conjunctions in all our writing.

Mathematics

Pupils will explore decimal numbers and link these to equivalence in fractions, rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and comparing and ordering decimals up to two decimal places. After this unit, we will be examining area, perimeter and length. The children will learn to convert between different units of measure and to measure and calculate both area and perimeter of shapes.

Pupils will continue to practise their multiplication facts. Children will also take weekly tests, where the aim is for the children to practise being able to recall multiplication and division facts instantly. Please continue to practise these with your child at home.

Science

This half term our learning will centre on plants. They will learn the names of different parts of plants, and the jobs they do. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate what plants need to grow well, and will present their findings to the class. This topic will be taught alongside our Geography topic.

Geography

Pupils will be learning about the water cycle. This will involve actually getting to create their own water cycles so that they can see it work. We will also be studying how water is treated for our consumption and the causes and effects of flooding.

Computing

We will continue with the work on a basic Scratch introduction, creating Scratch Music Machine programs and the Scratch Conversation System. They will also be extending the range of tools available in Word and PowerPoint in order to present their scientific findings to the class.

Religious Education

The focus this half term is the Kingdom of God and understanding the importance of the teachings of Jesus through the Gospels. Pupils will study and make links between some of the stories and teachings in the Bible. Whilst also looking at the importance of Pentecost.

Art

Pupils will have the opportunity to study botanical pictures as well as look closely at the details of real plants. They will then paint plants and flowers, focussing on close detail, using water colours.



Personal Social Health Citizenship Education

This half term pupils will be exploring the skills needed to be a good friend and what makes a good friend. They will be role playing challenging situations when it might be necessary to say 'no' to a friend if their behaviour is in conflict with their own values.

French

In this unit children will learn the name for some sports, some food and drink associated with healthy and unhealthy lifestyles. They will revise the days of the week to say what activities they do on particular days.

Music

This half term the class will be extending their understanding of structures in music and linking this with their class topic of "Water Misbehaving" by composing a short piece of music. The class will be learning a new song "The Water Cycle Song" focusing on expression and pitch accuracy and they will be listening to a variety of music inspired by water such as Handel's Water Suite in F and Debussy's "Reflections in the Water".