

Curriculum Learning

This half term your children will be reviewing their learning targets and thinking about the expectations for Year 3. The annual reports will be going out to parents and you will have an opportunity to discuss these and the SATs results at the end of year parent consultations.

English

Phonics and Spelling

We will focus on:

- Assessing the children's understanding and ability to embed spelling rules.
- Revisiting the spelling rules from the Year 2 new curriculum as needed. Year 2 common exception word lists are still available for children to practice spelling.
- The more able spellers will be accessing the Year 3 curriculum and the year 3 and 4 word list.
- The children who find spelling difficult will be revising the vowel diagraphs, trigraphs and compound words from the Year 1 programme of study (these are the phonemes on the phase 3 and 5 phoneme mats)

Reading

We are focusing on reading for pleasure and children considering their favourite authors and series of books. We will be continuing to ensure our written answers are evidenced from the text we are reading, by completing their Reading Journals in school and Reading Records at home. Please ask your child to explain what they have read and describe the characters and setting. Encourage your child to read books from different times in history and from other cultures.

Writing

We will begin by thinking about the story The Dragon Machine and looking at different fantasy stories, before writing our own fantasy stories with dragons. We will be continuing to think about the Year 2 requirements for our writing, such as expanded noun phrases, different sentence types and punctuation as well as beginning to organise our writing into paragraphs and use inverted commas (speech marks) ready for Year 3. We will also be writing poetry and texts linked to our habitats topic about sunflowers and under the sea.

Mathematics

This half term we will continue with our daily mental maths sessions followed by our maths lessons. We will be focusing on developing the speed of recall of number facts:

- Recalling halves and doubles of even numbers to 20
- Knowing all the bonds for addition and subtraction with numbers to 20
- Identifying 3D shape names and properties
- Telling the time to 5 minute intervals
- Practising our x2 x5 x10 times tables and related division facts
- Some children can practise x3 x4 x6 x8 times tables if they have embedded the x2 x5 x10

Religious Education

The children will be continuing to learn about the ways Jewish people can show their commitment to God. We will look at the Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and the rules suggested for Jews to follow.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Under the Sea'. The children will continue to learn that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited, including habitats under the sea. They will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. They will learn about food chains and describe how animals obtain their food. We will also be learning about different life cycles including stick insects and butterflies, watching our butterfly farm and stick insect farm!!

Art and Design

We will be tasting and evaluating a range of dips and dippers, using a range of tools to perform practical tasks, before designing a purposeful and appealing dip themselves using the principals of a healthy and varied diet.

Computing

The children will be learning to program an onscreen robot to navigate a route around the world. The children will be developing their keyboard skills on the laptops.

Music

Mrs Cockcroft will be teaching the songs from the musical "There's a sunflower in my supper". The class will be singing with an increased awareness of character and considering how to improve their performance. The class will also be learning to recognise and identify a range of contrast structures in music such as verse and chorus.

PE

The children will be developing their athletic skills on the running track in preparation for sports day. We will be going outside so your child will need outdoor trainers or plimsolls. Please send your child to school with a sunhat and suncream if the weather is hot.

SEAL/PSHE

During this half term we will focus on 'Changes' and discussing how we feel about moving from Year 2 to Year 3. We will be celebrating our success and looking forward to new experiences. The children will be developing their understanding of the core learning value - being reflective.

Core Learning Values: We will be reflecting on the skills we are using to be independent, work together, be a critical and creative thinker and be reflective in our learning. You are welcome to come in and spend time in the classroom if you would like an insight into your child's learning.

Other Information

Please contact me if anyone would like to share their experiences related to visiting animals in different habitats.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 24th June - Summer Fair

Thursday 29th June - Open Morning

3rd-7th July - Transition Week

Monday 10th July - Burgate Mini Olympics

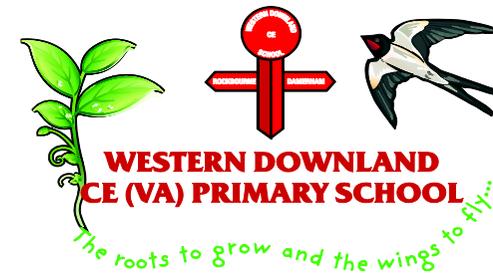
Friday 14th July - Variety Show @ Rockbourne

Monday 18th July - Whole School Sports Day @ Damerham

Friday 21st July - Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium

Friday 21st July - School Disco

Tuesday 25th July - Leavers Service & Last day of school



Curriculum Newsletter



Year 2

Summer 2 Term

Topic: Under the Sea

Class teacher: Clare Worsfold