

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 continue to work 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 or listened to.

We will also look at themes/genres and investigating information texts.

Writing

We are looking at information texts this half term. Our information texts will be written about an animal (in line with our topic). We will focus on writing our sentences by following our sentence rules and checking our writing carefully.

Those who are ready will move onto writing compound sentences using conjunctions such as ‘and’ ‘but’ ‘or’ ‘because’.

Maths

This half term we will be starting with time. We will revisit place value, dealing with higher numbers – up to 100. We will also revisit all four operations to aid fluency when calculating with greater quantities. Those who are ready will be using their place value knowledge to tackle problem solving tasks.

Religious Education

This half term we will be learning about Judaism. We will investigate Jesus’ early life as a Jew and discuss what Jews believe and how their faith is celebrated in everyday life.

Computing

The children will use laptops in a variety of subject areas, for example during reading workshop or maths sessions. We will begin to understand algorithms by instructing each other and following those instructions exactly! Those who are ready will begin to use simple office documents to type their noun phrases for Literacy.

Topic

Our topic this half term is ‘Habitats’. We will be learning about microhabitats first. We will move on to look at different types of animals and where they live. We will investigate why these animals live in their specific habitat. Finally we will build our own habitat models for a chosen animal.

Science

We will be learning about animals in our topic work. We will learn about where animals live, what they eat (herbivores and carnivores) and how to classify them. We will watch carefully for changes in our environment as the seasons change.

PE

The children will be continuing to develop their fine and gross motor skills. This half term we will begin athletics in preparation for sports day. We will be doing 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. Please practise alien and real word blending in preparation for the phonics check. Homework will be given on Fridays.

Core Learning Values

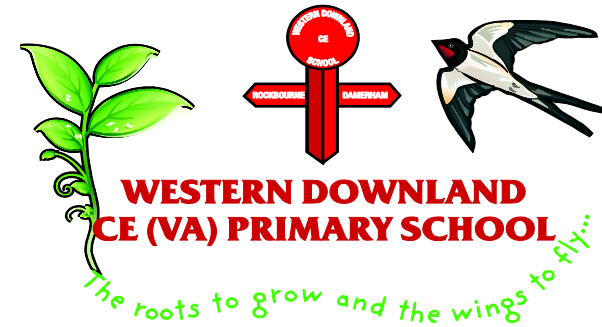
We are constantly using our learning values. This half term we will be focusing on the skills we need to be independent in our learning.

Music

During this half of this term, the class will be following the music unit Creepy Crawlies, focusing on duration and texture in music through learning new songs, creating a new chorus and a simple accompaniment for a song. Additionally, they will be listening to a variety of music inspired by animals and mini-beasts.

Dates for your diary:

School Sponsored Walk – Friday 26th May



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