

Curriculum Learning

Over the next half term we will be carrying out Key Stage 1 SATs during May but we have a lot of fun learning opportunities planned in too! 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. If you have any concerns or queries or would like to speak to me at any time, please feel free to contact me.

English

Phonics and Spelling

The children are independently practising spelling common exception words several times a week and testing each other on their own record sheets. We also have daily spelling sessions where we learn new spelling rules and practise applying them to words we frequently use in our writing.

We will focus on:

- learning words ending in -tion
- learning to spell words that end in le, il, al and el
- revisiting suffix endings -ed, -ing, -er and -est to words ending in -y
- revisiting contractions and possessive apostrophes
- visiting spelling patterns as needed (from Autumn term)

Reading

We are continuing to focus on written reading comprehension and developing their inference skills. Please ask your children to explain the meanings of words to check their understanding. Discuss different authors with your children and the range of books they may have written. I am encouraging children to write their own comments in Reading Records and the sentence starters you should receive today in homework, may give some ideas to get them started.

Writing

The children will be writing different text types, based on a short video called 'the Way Back Home'. They will be learning how to write using paragraphs and add time connectives to link events. We will be using adjectives and adverbs to make our writing more exciting. We will continue to practise using different types of punctuation accurately, revising how to punctuate speech with inverted commas (speech marks). We will continue include a range of conjunctions in their compound sentences eg. because, also, but, and how to start sentences in interesting ways.

Mathematics

This half term we will continue with our daily mental maths sessions followed by our maths lessons where we will be focusing on:

- counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 from 0
- counting in 10s from any 2 or 3 digit number forward and backward
- compare and order numbers to 100 and beyond using the same as (=), more than (>) and less than (<) signs
- solving problems (add, subtract, divide and multiply) using money
- learn the times tables x2,x5,x10 and division facts
- learn to recognise, find, name and write fractions eg. 1/3, 1/4, 2/4 and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape or set of objects
- measure length using cm and metres, capacity and mass
- learn to tell and write the time to 5 minute intervals

There will be plenty of opportunities for consolidation in preparation for the SATs too.

Religious Education

The children will be learning about the importance of the Covenant and the special relationship Jews have with God. They will be learning stories from the bible about Abraham and Moses.

Science and DT

Our topic in science this half term is 'Really Wild!' The children will be looking at the best environments to grow plants in their Forest School sessions, including growing sunflowers, other flowers and vegetables. In class, children will be looking at animals, including humans and learning about where their offspring come from, healthy eating and exercise. We will evaluate different dips and dippers and plan to make our own.

Geography and Computing

The children will continue to use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features. They will be devising a simple map and use and construct basic symbols in a key. The children will be learning to program an onscreen robot to navigate a route around the world.

Music

The children will continue learning songs in Worship and we will begin learning songs to fit with our science curriculum too.

PE

The children will be participating in outdoor PE sessions which will incorporate basic ball skills. They will be developing their ability to throw, bounce, kick and catch using different equipment consistently and accurately. We will be moving towards developing their athletic skills on the running track in preparation for sports day. Our PE day this half term is **Tuesday**.

PSHE

We will continue to focus on friendship and what being a good friend means. The children will develop their listening skills when other people are talking. They will learn to make someone else feel good by giving them a compliment and know what to say when someone gives them a compliment. They will be developing their understanding of the core learning value - working together.

Homework

Please continue to support your child with their homework, encouraging independence in completing the tasks. Please enable your child to use Lexia, when possible during the week to support their reading skills.

Other Information

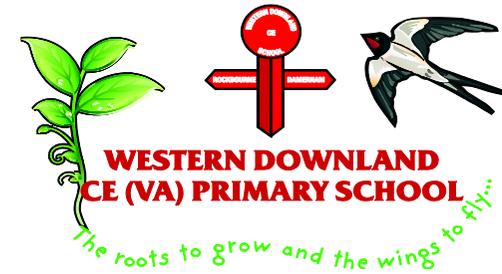
Please contact me if anyone would like to share their experiences related to visiting different countries around the world.

Dates for your diary:

Week beginning 15th May - English SATs

Week beginning 22nd May - Maths SATs

Friday 26th May - Sponsored Walk



Curriculum Newsletter



Year 2

Summer 1 Term

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