

Curriculum subjects

Over the next half term your children will continue to work towards achieving their learning targets. I have high expectations for each child and would like to work in partnership with parents. So, if you have any comments about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Our integrated topic is Around the World.

English

Learning in English will be an in depth study of the work of Michael Morpurgo. In particular we will study Kensuke's Kingdom. We will look in particular at persuasive and narrative writing. Particular focus in grammar and punctuation will include:

- Writing in the correct tense.
- Using formal tone in writing.
- Choosing appropriate sentences for a required effect.
- Understand the subjunctive and question tags.

Spelling will have different elements from key objectives which need to be learned in Year 6:

- Words ending in -ible, able.
- The suffix -fer

Reading continues to be an essential part of children's learning and they will take part in a Readers Workshop (Monday-Friday) which also involves targeted reading with myself as well as group reading focusing on the teaching of reading skills. **A reminder that children are expected to read for 30 minutes each evening and this year complete 5 entries in their reading records.**

Mathematics

We will begin the term with a unit revising and developing our understanding of place value with numbers to 10,000,000. After this we will develop our skills in addition and subtraction. We will look at formal algorithms as well as how we apply our understanding and use reasoning skills.

In mental oral starters we will have a focus on learning out multiplication and division facts. **Support from home in learning these will greatly improve your child's confidence in mathematics.**

Science

Our science will be integrated into our topic. The main knowledge focus will be on looking at the states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We will look at the properties of materials and how materials behave under heating and cooling.

In addition, the children will develop their investigational skills with a focus on

- Devising questions which can be tested.
- Making predictions based on their own knowledge and understanding of the world.
- Drawing results tables.



Geography

Through our topic Around the World, we will develop our understanding of map work skills: using grid references, points of the compass. In addition, we will look at developing our understanding of the world and its continents and key features.

We will look at different economic activity around the world paying particular attention to Fairtrade products.

Computing

Computing will develop the children's understanding of using the internet effectively: e-safety and searching information that will support their learning in our topic. In addition, they will use a variety of software to present their learning.

Religious Education

Our unit this half term will focus on Islam. We will look at how Muslims show their commitment to God through their actions paying particular attention to the Five Pillars of Islam.

Physical Education/Games

We will begin our year focusing on invasion games and learning to cooperate in a game situation. We will focus on hockey skills and consider what we need to do to work together as a team.

Art

Our artwork will link with our topic. In particular we will be studying the work of great artists and how they depict the sea. We will use our sketch books to develop pencil skills and use a variety of mediums to represent our ideas.



Music

This half term the class will be linking their music to their class topic and will be learning about the music dimensions of timbre and duration.

They will be using their voices with increased expression and interpretation while singing songs about Christopher Columbus. Also, they will be creating rhythmical patterns to accompany the songs and will be listening to a variety of music with a Spanish theme.

Modern Foreign Languages

Our topic this half term is "My family". The grammar focus will be on using to have and to be with the following subject pronouns: je/il/elle

Our phonic focus will be the sound "oi" .

Other Information

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and then collected in on Tuesday. Homework task-sheets will be put into the children's homework books when homework is set and work will be completed in their books and handed in. It is expected that homework will be completed neatly and that due care and attention will be paid to presentation. Homework is normally a culmination of class work or a consolidation of previous work for revision purposes. It also serves the purpose of preparing children for a future lesson.

Core Learning Values

We are continuing to develop our core learning values of working together, independence, creative and critical thinking and reflection. This term, as we are year 6, we will be placing particular emphasis on gaining independence and leadership skills.

PE kit

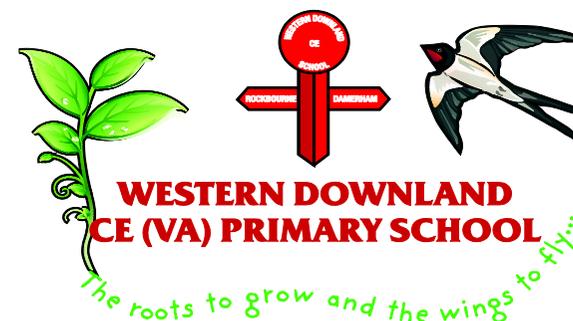
Your child will need a PE kit on Monday and Friday although occasionally this may be adapted if needed. Please ensure that any inhalers are also brought into school if your child suffers from asthma. A note is always required if your child cannot take part in a PE lesson.

Dates for the diary:

13th September- Parent's welcome meeting.

4th and 6th October-Parent Consultations.

30th September-Harvest Festival at St George's.



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