

## 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. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.*

### PSED/SEAL

The focus this half term is New Beginnings. We will be devising class rules and introducing our core learning values beginning with 'Being Independent'. We will be working on the children settling in to the school, building friendships with the other children and building relationships with the adults in the school.

### Communication and Language

This half term the children will be engaging in lots of speaking and listening activities focused on building their confidence and building relationships as a class.

### Literacy

#### Phonics

We will be working on Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds which focuses on sound discrimination and blending letter sounds. We will begin to introduce the single letter sounds taught within Phase 2 eg: s, a, t. The children will be taught as a whole class in short sessions five times a week. Please come to the Phonics Workshop to gain a deeper understanding of how to support your child with phonics.

#### Reading

Children will be grouped for weekly guided reading sessions (these groups will change as children make progress). During these sessions we will be teaching the skills of reading. Your children will be bringing home books to share with you each week. Your child is able to change their books as many times as they like in a week, please return the book that your child has in order for them to swap it for another. Please read with your child daily.

#### Writing

This term the children will experience a lot of mark making activities and will begin to concentrate on letter formation, particularly the letters in their own names.

### Mathematics

This half term we will be having daily maths sessions where we will be focusing on:

- Being able to recognise, read and write numbers to 10 and beyond.
- Understanding of number.
- Counting and ordering numbers to 10 and beyond.
- Naming 2D shapes and recognising the key shape properties (number of sides, number of corners).

## Understanding of the World

The children will be using the laptops during phonics and maths sessions to play with subject specific games. They will also be using the interactive whiteboard to complete different games and activities. Through our topic work the children will be learning about the Harvest Festival and seasonal changes during Autumn.

### Expressive Art and Design

This half term the children will be exploring texture and colour by making artwork linked to our topic work. They will also be creating self-portraits to display in the classroom. The children will have the opportunity to experiment with musical instruments and engage in role play in the 'home corner'.

### Religious Education

We will be learning about Harvest. The children will be involved in practical activities such as fruit and vegetable printing, drama and making fruit salads. Please join us at St George's church for the Harvest festival.

### Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'Mighty Me'. The children will be sharing information about their family, home and interests which will provide an excellent opportunity for them to build friendships within the class.



## Physical Development

This term we will focus on balance and movement to music along with basic throwing and catching skills. The children will also be developing their health and self-care skills by independently dressing for P.E sessions and discussing how exercise can help us to keep healthy. Please encourage your child to dress themselves at home to support them during P.E sessions.

## Other Information

### Home Learning

Each child will be bringing home a set of number cards and a selection of games and activities that you can do with your child at home to support them in their understanding of number. The children will also receive a set of 'high frequency word' cards, please use these as flash cards to help your child learn these words by sight. Please see me if you would like any support with home learning.

### Core Learning Values

We are learning to think about the skills we need to be independent, work together, be a critical and creative thinker and be reflective in our learning. This half term we will be focusing on supporting the children in becoming independent in the classroom.

### PE

Your child will need a named kit and suitable footwear. This half term we will be doing PE on Friday mornings, this will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor sessions.

### Forest School

For the first half term Rainbow class will have a whole day of Forest School on Thursdays. They will need a named pair of wellies left in school. We provide the children with waterproof suits but they need to be wearing comfortable clothing underneath. Please send them to school in black joggers or leggings along with their school jumper and white polo shirts on Thursdays.

### **Dates for your diary:**

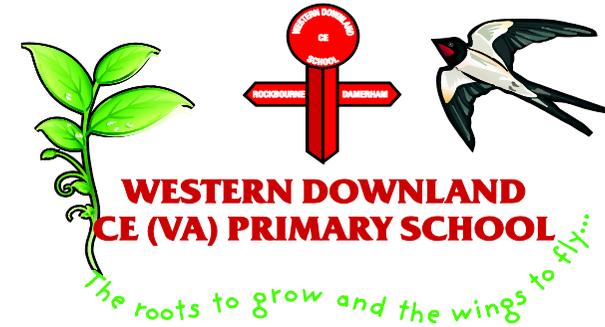
Welcome Service at St George's Church

Harvest Festival at St George's Church

Phonics workshop

Topic landing (an opportunity to view your child's work 2.30pm)

Friends of Western Downland Meeting



## **Rainbow Class**

## **Curriculum Newsletter**

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