

Curriculum subjects

The following is intended to provide parents/carers with a brief outline of your child's learning opportunities this half term. If you have any concerns or queries or would like to speak to me at any time please feel free to contact me.

PSED

The focus this term will be 'Moving on'. In order to prepare the children for Year 1 we will be reflecting on their first year at school and discussing what they are looking forward to next year. During Transition week the Year 1 teacher will be coming to work with us to get to know the children so that they are settled and ready to move up in September.

Communication and Language

This half term the children will be engaging in small group and whole class speaking and listening activities. We will continue show and tell sessions and would like children to bring in items linked to our topic on the seaside. We will also be learning a new story in Literacy and the children will be sharing their own stories with their peers.

Literacy

Phonics

Short phonics sessions will take place daily and will be a mixture of whole class and group activities. We are continuing to work on to phase 4 of the Letters and Sounds programme. The purpose of this phase is to consolidate the children's knowledge of the phonemes (letter sounds) and graphemes (the letter in its written form) when reading and writing. This will support the children's ability to blend adjacent consonants (eg: br, cl, st) and reading and spelling of polysyllabic words.

Reading

Children will be grouped for daily reading workshop sessions in which they take part in a range of reading activities including: guided reading with an adult, individual reading to and adult, listening to audio books in groups, playing phonic games and library sessions. Phonics sessions this half term will also have a large focus on reading, ensuring that children are confident decoding and blending words. It is important to remember that phonics is the step up to word recognition and that the automatic reading of all words (decodable and tricky) is the ultimate goal. Please listen to your child read **daily** and see me if you would like ideas to support your child when reading.

Writing

To support the children in their transition to Year 1, this half term we will move to a more formal style of learning. We will have whole class literacy sessions which will include adult led writing groups, independent writing and a range of other linked activities. We will be working towards the children becoming more independent in their writing. They will be writing daily and be given feedback to support them in

moving forwards. The children will begin to use their prior knowledge of storytelling to begin to write their own stories as well as writing for a range of purposes including; instructions, posters, lists, label ads captions.

Mathematics

The children will have daily maths sessions which will focus on the same theme each week. The children will be learning about shape (2D and 3D, measuring, positional language and calculation (addition and subtraction). We will also be having a focus on problems solving and reasoning skills.

Understanding of the World

Through our topic work the children will be learning about the seaside. We will be completing a range of art work and be exploring our senses. During our trip to Hengistbury Head the children will be collecting items from the seashore and working with the ranger to identify them.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term Rainbow class will be exploring and responding to same and different sequences in music (structure) and will be exploring and responding to a range of sounds and sound makers (timbre). The class will be learning the song "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside" and will also be learning to develop control and accuracy when playing music instruments.

Religious Education

We will be exploring "Special Places" as part of our RE work. We will look at special places in the children's own lives as well as comparing different places of worship. We will be attending the Year 6 Leaver's service at Rockbourne church and will look out for the similarities to St Goerge's church in Damerham.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'The Seaside'. We will be creating a range of artwork using different media including: printing, painting and collage. Our Literacy work will be based on the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and the children will be writing their own stories and building lighthouse models.



Physical Development

In the lead up to sports day athletics will be the main focus this half term. The children will be engaging in a range of track and field events whilst making links to the importance of healthy eating and exercise.

Other Information

Home Learning

Please work with your child regularly on their number cards and high frequency words. Please see me if you feel your child needs the next set of numbers or high frequency words, or if you would like additional ideas of how to use them at home. To support your child in becoming an independent writer it would be great if you could encourage them to write at home. This could include keeping a journal, helping to write shopping lists or writing letters to friends and relatives.

Core Learning Values

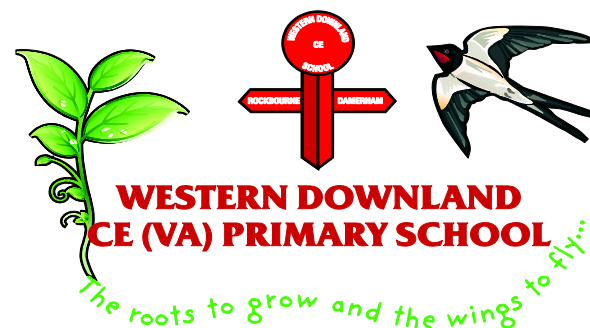
We are learning to think about the skills we need to be independent, work together, be a critical and creative thinker and be reflective in our learning. During guided sessions the children are being asked to reflect on their work and self-assess how well they felt they did using a traffic light system. This half term we will be focusing on 'Critical and Creative Thinking' in which the children will be asked to solve problems in groups and independently and ask questions in order to deepen their understanding.

PE

Your child will need a named kit and suitable footwear. We will be going outside for Games so your child will need suitable outdoor footwear.

Dates for your diary:

- 21st June- Year R trip to Hengistbury Head
- 23rd June –non-uniform day
- 24th June- Summer Fair
- 29th June- Open Morning
- 3rd – 7th July- Transition Week
- 6th July – Friends meeting at the Church in Alderholt
- 10th July- Burgate Mini Olympics
- 14th July- Variety Show at Rockbourne
- 18th July- Sports Day
- 18th and 20th July- Parents Consultations
- 20th July- Year R Parents view children's work 2pm
- 21st July- School Disco
- 25th July- Leaver's Service & Last day of Term



Rainbow Class

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