



Curriculum Overview for Parents

Year 2, Autumn Term 2

Compare & Contrast

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our theme will be 'Celebrating Difference'. Children will focus on the differences between right and wrong, making new friends and the differences in other people.

Computing

Children will learn about early programming using the LOGO software. They will learn and use the relevant terminology such as algorithms and debugging whilst continuing to maintain our E-Safety knowledge.

Physical Development

Our focus in PE is on static balance and co-ordination. This will include a variety of floor movement patterns and learning the significance of balance in physical activities.

Geography

The children will compare and contrast our locality, Shirley and other locations ranging from Brazil to the Arctic. We will also be designing 'traditional tales' maps using features such as key and compass. They will use world maps, atlases and Google Earth to identify these locations.

Art & Design and Technology

D&T

This 'Moving Traditional Tale Pictures' unit gives the children opportunities to develop their understanding of mechanisms. The children listen to and role play different Traditional Tales and then learn how sections of the stories can be made into a moving picture. Following instructions on how to make different types of mechanisms, such as levers, wheels and sliders, gives children experience and information to draw on when developing their own ideas. They sketch a design based on their ideas and then create their moving picture centred on the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' The children will evaluate their finished product.

Maths

Within their ability groups children will be working on the following topics: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division (where appropriate), money, fractions, properties of shapes 2D and 3D and handling data including statistics.

Religious Education

This term the children will be exploring the question 'How and what do we celebrate?' The children will be thinking about all the different occasions people celebrate; they will be learning about how different religions celebrate births. They will also learn about Hanukkah and the reason why we give gifts at Christmas.

Science

During this half term children will name a variety of materials, describing their properties. They will compare and contrast different materials and group them according to their basic properties. Children will investigate materials predicting, observing and recording how they change with heat or when cooled. They will explore reversible and irreversible changes.

English

During this topic we will read a range of traditional stories recognising the key characters and events. We will justify our likes and dislikes of different characters and begin to explore how the author uses a character's traits in the story for cause and effect. We will identify the language of traditional tales and apply these to our own writing including the use of connectives to sequence the stories we write. We will also begin to consider speech punctuation when recording a conversation between characters.