



Curriculum Overview for Parents

Year 2, Autumn Term 1

Who Am I?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

With our theme of 'Being me in my World' the children will consider and celebrate similarities and differences between individuals. They will agree and follow classroom rules and understand how these rules create a productive classroom. They will consider how their behaviour affects other people and be encouraged to set themselves a simple goal, using a mindful approach.

Computing

The children will learn about using search engines. They will consolidate their understanding of E-Safety especially when accessing the internet and apply to their own use of computers at school and at home.

Physical Development

Linked to our Science work, the children will investigate the link between exercise and good health. The PE theme this term is Games with a focus on the key skills required for team games such as hockey. The children will also take part in the Fit4School programme.

Religious Education

This term the children will be exploring the question 'What did Jesus teach about being kind?'. Children will be learning about the story of Zacchaeus and reflecting on what this story means to Christians. Other stories with a theme of kindness will also be shared.

English

Linking with our history topic pupils will develop their writing skills through investigating real events and by taking part in drama/ role-play activities. The children will further their understanding of non-fiction texts and have the opportunity to apply these skills. Focussed guided reading session will continue and all children will benefit from a daily phonics session.

Expressive Arts and Design

Art

This portraits unit will teach the children about portraits, and use of different materials and techniques when making their own. They will also have the opportunity to explore the work of Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Henri Matisse and Andy Warhol, and create artwork inspired by them.

Maths

In maths lessons we will focus on extending previous understanding of number and place value. Children will practise rapid recall of number facts. They will learn addition and subtraction methods (practical and mental) and will use these to solve problems. They will develop understanding of multiplication, including facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. They will also work with money and learn about money notation.

Science

During this half term, children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that were once alive. They will investigate simple food chains and link this to the basic needs of animals including humans. Children will also investigate local habitats around school, this will be ongoing throughout the academic year.

History

History - children will initially consider their own 'history' using artefacts, memories and photographs. They will then move on to look at the biography of Florence Nightingale including experiencing a thrilling, multi-sensory journey back in time to re-enact the journey that Florence Nightingale took to Scutari Hospital. Using their knowledge of Florence Nightingale children will then compare and contrast her life with the life of Mary Seacole.