

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our new school year, we hope you all had a good rest over the summer holidays. Here is a summary of the curriculum that the children of Amazon class will be experiencing over this half term.

English

We will be following the Pie Corbett writing process and our focus text for this will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. Together we will experience reading and discussing this book to improve our understanding of the story. We will then support each other by doing the shared write about the story. Children will be given the opportunity to write their own version of a similar story with the focus being on their use of description for characters and settings.

We will also look at a poem that continues the firework theme, they will then create their own poem using the skills they are taught to create their own firework poem that they will be able to perform to the class if they chose to.

Spellings

Children will be working towards embedding new spelling skills to become more confident spellers. This will be done through weekly spellings, allowing children to complete small weekly tasks to support their spellings.

Reading

Over this half term children will be given new reading targets every two weeks that the children will work towards through daily reading opportunities at school. We will also work towards developing stronger reading skills through VIPERS, these are different questions that require the children to demonstrate different skills from discussing new vocabulary to using inference skills to make suggestions about characters etc.

Maths

During this term the children will be focusing on developing their understanding of number, addition and subtraction. We will be doing this by showing the children strategies to use to solve mathematical problems, they will then use different maths resources to support them practicing the strategies until they are confident that they know how the process works. They will then be given tasks to complete independently allowing them to demonstrate the techniques confidently. Children will first be expected to record their work in their maths journals before working in their Maths No Problem books.

As part of the maths routine children will also complete 5 quick questions that enable them to retrieve old strategies and embed new strategies allowing them to maintain their skills.

Science

The topic this half term is 'Sound'. The children begin to investigate how sounds are made, how we hear and how the pitch of a sound can be represented through sound waves. We will look at how sound vibrations travel through water, the air and solids. The children will also be given the opportunity to create low and high sound waves using everyday materials.

Geography

During this term we will be developing our locational knowledge of the British Isles and the continents across the world. Pupils will then begin to practice their geographical skills by using the 8 points of a compass to describe where places are in relation to England. We will then begin to focus on human and physical geography in Brazil which will be done through pictures, Google Earth and taking time to research information using the Kiddle search engine.

Computing

Our focus this half term is moving pictures and we will begin this by making pictures slightly different on each page so that when flicked through it looks like it moves. We will then begin to think about how a series of photographs can also create a similar effect. Children will use I-Pads to take a series of photos of figures or pictures to make this happen. Children will work in small groups to support and develop their skills.

Art

This term the children will be learning techniques to develop their drawing skills to first be able to draw facial features in the correct proportions, they will be doing self-portraits to demonstrate their developing skills. Children will be encouraged to think about how they hold the pencil and the level of pressure to apply to their pencil grip whilst drawing.

Jigsaw

The topic for this term is 'All about Me'. This will focus on them starting a new school year, how this can make us feel, what are responsibilities are within school to ensure school is happy and calm for themselves and others. The children will complete a range of activities to help them understand how important they are in our school.

Music

Children will listen to music from different genres and will discuss the type of music they are listening to. They will discuss the pace and pitch of the music which we focus on. They will practice following music patterns with music instruments then they will be given the opportunity to create their own music for the different genres of music.

P.E.

Pupils will be participating in 2 P.E. sessions a week which will encourage the children to work as part of a team to reach an end outcome. This will also require the children to develop their communication skills to achieve the outcome and this will be done through team games and discussions.

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