

Curriculum Update

November 2021

Hello again everyone!

We are looking forward to starting our new theme this week – From Zero to Hero. This is a thematic unit about heroes and heroines, both past and present, who have overcome major challenges in life and become inspirational figures. There is a key subject focus on history and the children will also explore the curriculum areas of Art, Design Technology, Science, Music, PSHE and Global Dimensions. We begin our theme by looking at the life and career of the sportsman Michael Jordan.

Reading

Please could the children have their reading books and yellow reading diaries in school every day!

We will always stick to the reading rota wherever possible but it may be that there may be odd occasions, particularly now that we have started nativity rehearsals, when we want to change books or catch up with extra readers on different days.

Please could you have a look at the Autumn Term wordlist on the Learning Guidance section on the class page on the school website. We are aiming to get the children to be able to read and spell these words by Christmas. Any support at home with this would be beneficial!

Outdoor Learning

The children have been enjoying the outdoor activities that we have been doing both on site and at the Forest School site. They enjoyed learning some new orienteering skills and used maps of the school effectively.

They have been looking closely at some of the beautiful autumn colours that surround us at school and have created some beautiful leaf patterns in small groups.

Literacy

The children have really enjoyed reading the story of Handa's Surprise and it linked in with the conclusion of our mini theme – Never Eat Shredded Wheat. We were able to talk about where food comes from and why certain foods only grow in certain places. The children have really shown great focus when writing about this story and it has been lovely for them to look back and see how their written work has progressed.

The children have started using new handwriting books which have coloured lines which encourage them to think carefully about the size and spacing of their letters and about which letters are tall or go under the line. They have shown very good focus and concentration and have taken pride in their work.

Geography

In Geography the children have been identifying countries around the world and have enjoyed looking at maps and globes. They are working towards understanding left, right, forwards and backwards and have looked at compass directions. They have made their own compasses and are learning about compass directions.

PE

In PE the children have continued to develop their gymnastics skills and have used these skills to produce routines using a range of apparatus including wall bars and trampettes.

Maths

The children have continued to develop their number skills and have been writing number sentences and using number lines and hundred squares to solve subtraction calculations. We are working hard to speed up their mental maths skills and they are showing some good improvement! Please help by asking them addition and subtraction questions when you have spare moments. Start with questions where the answers are within 0-10 e.g. $6+3$, $7-2$, $5+4$ and so on. We are moving on to learn about 2D and 3D shapes and will be looking at patterns and describing the properties of simple 2D shapes such as rectangles, squares, circles and triangles. We shall also learn about 3D shapes such as spheres, cuboids, cubes, pyramids, cylinders and cones.

Our Week

Monday – Miss Freeman all day

Tuesday – Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton

Wednesday Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton

Thursday – Miss Freeman/Mr Hutton

Friday – Mr Hutton all day

Learning Support Assistant – Mrs
Chadd and Mr Lacey

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any
queries or concerns.

