



Curriculum News- Term 2 Nov 2019

Caterpillars - Reception

Wow! The children have already finished one term and are definitely more familiar with their environment. There are still lots of firsts and new and exciting experiences to be had, not least the school nativity. We have made a good beginning on our first set of phonic sounds and I'm sure you are beginning to see your child put them into practice in their reading and early writing. Please keep reading regularly with your child—it really does make a huge difference. We will be consolidating our number knowledge and moving on to adding and subtracting one from numbers to 10. Please look out for numbers wherever you are. We love having home door numbers up in the classroom—where else are numbers hiding? We are thinking about special people to us and people who help us and are looking forward to a visit from a paramedic.



Butterflies- Year 1 and 2

Our Term 2 topic is entitled 'Toys' -the children will discuss which toys they like, discussing what makes toys special to them. Children will consider how different toys are made. Children will compare the way different toys, feel, or move before trying to design their own toy. The children will have the opportunity to compare toys from the past with today's toys. We will also be visiting the Hornby visitor centre which will give the children the opportunity to really see some of the toys which have been popular over the years and how they have changed. Our Science topic is 'Trash or Treasure'. The children will investigate different materials, sorting materials into different categories and discussing the properties of materials. The children will develop their own experiments to establish which materials are most suitable for different purposes. Children will consider how to make a fair test and with their peers will discuss their results.

PE will be on Tuesday or Wednesday.



Dolphins- Year 3 and 4

In Dolphin class we will be studying Invasions, which will focus on the Vikings and their impact on Britain. We will be looking at where the Vikings came from and some well-known Anglo-Saxon kings. Also we will be finding out about Viking culture and the Danegeld. We will be having a visitor from the Canterbury Archaeological Trust who will be talking to the children about what an archaeologist does as well as investigating Anglo-Saxon artefacts. In science, we will continue to study electricity, with a focus on how electricity is used to make a torch work and, hopefully, being able to make our own torches! Our English focus will be on Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. This will provide a stimulus for descriptive writing and non-narrative writing in the form of a letter and a newspaper report. In maths, we will be working on geometry – identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as fractions, statistics and measures. There will be a change this term with homework, spellings and tables being set on a Friday. Homework must be handed in by the following Thursday. The spellings and tables tests will continue to take place on Friday. PE will be on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.



Eagles- Year 5 and 6

Our first term's topic 'Mission UK' continues into Term 2. In English we will be studying, The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd. We will use this book to explore settings, characters and plot development, in addition to looking at grammar and punctuation. In maths, we will focus on place value, exploring large numbers and teaching basic operations with decimals. Additionally, we will be teaching length, area and perimeter. In science, our work will involve inheritance and evolution. In geography we will teach map reading, knowledge of the UK and land use within it. Homework and spellings are set every Friday, with it being due in the following Friday. The weekly spelling test takes place every Friday. We appreciate all your help in encouraging your children to complete their homework to a good standard and meeting our deadline. Homework Club is available on Thursdays for those children who would benefit. PE will normally be on Tuesdays, but please ensure kit is left in school during the week in case of extra sessions.

