

Year 1 Neutron Summer Newsletter 2019

Welcome back to the summer term! We have more excitement and challenges this term. We consistently try to make teaching and learning relevant and fun. Our classroom culture is built on our values that are: respect, kindness, friendship, enthusiasm, teamwork, truth and encouragement. We ensure that each pupil feels valued, included, secure and excited about learning. We encourage good behaviour at all times and positive attitudes towards learning and school.

Our trips this term are: Walthamstow Wetlands and Walton-on-the-Naze.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would like to continue our excellent home/school relationships, and aim to provide high-quality information, clear communication and an 'open-door' policy.



Literacy

Children participate in a daily phonics program called 'Read Write Inc'. In these sessions children learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups, how to read words using sound blending (Fred talk). Also, they learn how to write words and form sentences. Children take part in daily literacy sessions. As part of literacy, children look at narrative writing (stories), non-fiction writing (information writing) and poetry.

Narrative writing this term is based on the following books: 'Emily Brown and the Thing' by Cressida Cowell, 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and 'Dear Greenpeace' by Simon James.

Furthermore, children take part in a whole class reading session every day. In these sessions, we read as a whole class, answer and ask questions related to the book. Individual reading takes place once a week and reading books are changed. Therefore, please ensure your child brings their book bag along with their yellow reading record book.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com>

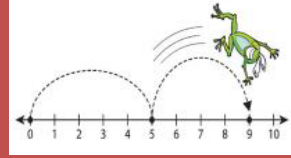
<http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/english/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



Children continue furthering their understanding of number, number facts, calculations involving the four number operations-addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, shape and measure, using a wide range of resources. Also, children are taught how to solve worded problems.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com>

<http://www.mymaths>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1numeracy.html>

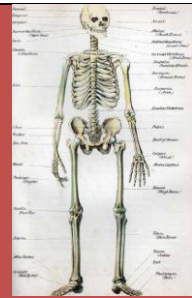
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

<http://www.topmark.co.uk>



Science



The topic to be covered this term is 'Birds, Plants and Minibeasts.' Children are taught to describe and compare the structure of a variety of plants. Furthermore, children are able to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the plants and talk about their purposes. During Science lessons, we include outdoor learning alongside learning in class. We will be visiting the Wetlands and take part in various interactive activities.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/science/>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Humanities

The geography and History topics being taught are 'Great Explorers' and 'What were seaside holidays like in the past?'

Children learn what the seaside is like and why we like to go there, how the seaside is different to our locality and where else in the world can we have seaside holidays. Furthermore, children learn to use photographs as a source of evidence about the past, identify objects from the past, put objects in chronological order and explain why objects were different in the past. Children are taught to recognise some similarities and differences between holidays now and in the past.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to learn more about their topic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/history/>

<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/>



Computing

Children are taught how to use the Internet to conduct research. Also, children are taught simple programming using a computer package and the programming of an electrical device called 'beebots'.

We will also continue to discuss and learn about how we can use of the internet safely.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.light-bot.com

www.code.org

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.kodugamelab.com



Art/Design & Technology

All the art sessions are linked to the various curriculum areas. In the art sessions, children explore different art techniques such as sketching, collage, working with paints and pastels.

During 'Take 1 Picture' week children study the painting 'Arrangement of Leaves' painted by an Australian artist called Michael McKinnon

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their artistic skills:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



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Children are read stories associated with pilgrimages.

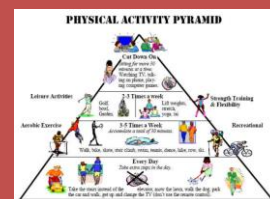
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to learn more about their topic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/>

<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/>



PE



PE day is Wednesday and the session is led by the class teacher.

Children develop basic game-playing skills, in particular throwing and catching a ball. Also, children take part in mini games associated with handball. We promote the importance of respect and discipline in Sport by valuing effort and a 'can do' attitude.

Please make sure your child comes in dressed in their PE kit. Ensure all items of clothing are labelled to avoid any confusion when items are misplaced.

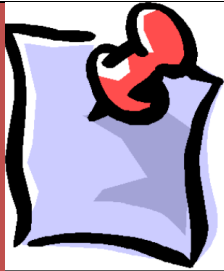


Home Learning

Homework is handed out each Friday.

Your child receives:

- Weekly Maths homework.
- Weekly phonics spelling to be tested in class.
- Daily reading at their ability level to be recorded in their Reading Record books. Children should read aloud to their parents or carers and discuss what they have read.
A set of online books (<http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>) available.
- Summer term Home Learning projects are: 'Explorers' and 'The seaside'.



General notices/requests

Queries, worries or questions

If something is worrying you or if you have a question and find it difficult to come to see us in person, please feel free to telephone us via the school office or to pop in at the end of the day. We value regular contact with our families and find that it has a very positive impact.

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term with your children!

Miss Barthram, Mrs Morse and Miss Tariq