

Spring Term 3

Our Wonderful World

Core Value:

Creativity and Flying High

Rationale:

This term we will be exploring the wonderful world we live in focusing on the different continents and oceans and the variety of wildlife, plants and land features found within them. Our aim is to help the children deepen their understanding of the world they live in both locally and globally.

The Hook: An exploration into some of the wondrous places on our planet, using videos, atlases and google earth - focusing on what we think is special about our planet.

Authentic Outcome:

Using their knowledge of animal structure the children will design and then sculpt their own animal creations out of clay.

The main curriculum subjects which focus on the outcome

English -

- Instruction writing
- Descriptive writing
- Story writing using a traditional tale as our stimulus.

Art and D & T:

- Learning the key skills of sculpting with clay.
- Observational drawing
- Making bird feeders to support our local birds in preparations for the Big Bird watch.

History:

We will be learning about Emily Williamson an important woman in history who founded the RSPB.

Geography:

We will be learning about all the continents and the oceans of the world, exploring the locations of countries and their features such as climate, using atlases and globes to support our research.

Computing:

We will continue to practice our coding skills on purple mash.

Reading Focus -

Using phonics to sound out new words, Discuss stories read and non-fiction texts.

Spelling & Grammar Focus -

Segmenting and blending for spelling. Letter recognition, correct letter formation, capital letter, full stop, question mark. Spelling Zappers. Verbs and commanding sentences.

R.E:

Who are Christians and what do they believe?

P.E: We will be doing gymnastics and Send and Return Games.

Hedgehogs Class will have PE on a Tuesday morning and a Thursday afternoon.

Science: Animals including humans. We will be naming and identifying a variety of common birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and animals. We will be learning about the structure of a variety of common animals and finding out about the basic needs for survival. We will also be identifying omnivores, carnivores and herbivores.

Maths - We will be focusing on these areas in maths this term:

Counting and number to 50

Number facts to 20

Addition and subtraction, within 20

Solving reasoning and explanation questions.

Measurement

Telling the time.

Data Collection and interpretation - The Big School Bird watch

Home Learning

- **Reading - Please listen to your child at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes and note in their contact books. Please ensure your child brings their reading book into school every day.**
- **Home Learning Grid - see separate letter.**
- **Maths Learn Its - Please help your child to learn their Learn Its for this term. Learn Its list to be sent out separately.**
- **Mathletics - the children's login details for Mathletics are written on the back of their contact diaries so they can continue to develop their maths at home, with adult support using a computer.**
- **Reading and spelling words - Please help your child to learn how to read and write the common exception words for your child's year group. These words will be sent out on a separate sheet.**