



## Langley Fitzurse CofE Primary School



### Pegasus Class Newsletter Overview of learning for Autumn Term 2018

#### Learning Theme: We remember

<b>Literacy</b>	We will start with stories by Roald Dahl. We will then use some of his characters and create our own glorumtious narrative stories. His story of 'James and the giant peach' will create a link to our science topic of mini-beasts and the children will develop their non-narrative writing when researching and presenting information. We'll explore reciting and presenting poetry and hopefully enjoy some flongue-splistin. 'Charlie and the chocolate factory' will create a link to our History and Geography topic of 'The Aztecs. As always, we will learn about and commemorate Remembrance Day. Regular spelling practise and aspects of grammar and punctuation will be embedded in these themes.
<b>Maths</b>	To start the term we shall be focusing on place value, counting, recognising and writing numbers, then incorporating this into calculations, as well as ordering numbers, counting on and comparing numbers. We will be working with up to 4 and 5 digit numbers. The children will deepen their learning about shapes, both 2D and 3D, simple measurement and recognising and re-creating simple patterns. We shall estimate, measure, weigh and compare objects, using non-standard and standard units and measuring instruments.
<b>Science</b>	Our science focus will be mini-beasts and their life-cycle, but also the human skeleton. Later on in the term we will explore forces and magnets.
<b>ICT</b>	We will use ICT for a variety of research and to enhance learning across the curriculum. The children will continue to develop their computer skills by practising to type simple sentences using back-key and space bar as well as 'enter', 'shift' and 'arrow', copying and pasting, and saving and retrieving their own work. As a discrete subject we will focus on coding, e-safety and understanding networks.
<b>History</b>	We will learn about the life of the Aztecs.
<b>RE</b>	Our theme will be 'Worship, pilgrimage and special places'. The children will contemplate special objects and places, as well as places of worship. We will look at places of worship for other religions, such as Hindus, and compare Christian and Hindu worship. An important part of their religion, a pilgrimage, will lead us towards Christmas and an important journey for Mary and Joseph.
<b>PE</b>	This term we will focus on ball skills.
<b>Music</b>	We will explore long and short sounds, identifying them by carefully listening to pieces of music, copying them and finding suitable instrument for making long and short sounds. We will learn to sing songs about mini-beasts and accompany them with percussion instruments. This will lead towards learning to differentiate between beat and rhythm. In the build up towards Christmas, we will learn Christmas songs as well as songs for our Christmas Play (Y2).
<b>Art/DT</b>	The children have already greatly impressed me with their fabulous drawings of Roald Dahl characters in the style of Quentin Blake. They will learn to combine their drawing skills with using watercolours and mixing primary colours to create secondary ones. All this will culminate in a piece of art of James and the giant peach. DT will focus on textiles and making of small mini-beast hand-puppets. We

	<b>hope to be able to explore the making of various peachy drinks. Later on we will create Aztec head-dresses and masks.</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>French will be taught by Mrs Campbell. Children will practise general conversation as well as learning vocabulary relating to animals, food and school.</b>
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>We will use the theme of Our Happy School/New beginnings to look at getting to know each other and to explore how our class rules can help us all make the most of our learning. We will elect new School Council members and use circle times to explore our feelings. Y3 will also vote members for the Worship Council.</b>

### **Home Learning:**

Phonics or literacy based activity  
Reading  
Maths Task

### **PE Kit:**

The timing for PE is not yet completely fixed but please make sure that your child's PE kit is always in school.

### **Helping in school:**

Help in class or elsewhere around the school is always appreciated. If you have some spare time to hear readers, work with a group or to share a skill or hobby, please let me know, especially if you would like to help on a more regular basis.

### **And finally:**

All children should have their sign ins for Bugclub (now [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)), Mathletics and purplemash. Bugclub is a teaching software which teaches reading and spelling using synthetic phonics. Children are able to log on at home with their own username and password to read books online and practise their phonics. This has been very successful and the children love the reward system.

Mathletics is a similar resource, except it is for practising Numeracy. If you have any questions or problems, don't hesitate to come and see me or talk to a parent who is familiar with these resources.

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