

Langley Fitzurse CofE Primary School

Pegasus Class Newsletter

Overview of learning for Autumn Term 2017

Learning Theme: Here, there and everywhere

Literacy	We will start the term by using stories from Africa and create our own narrative writing. Later on we will focus on writing information texts about animals from Africa. In term 2 we will travel even further - into Outer Space, where we might meet some aliens, such as Q Pootle 5 and Beegu. We might even celebrate Christmas with them!
Maths	To start the term we shall be focusing on counting, recognising and writing numbers, then incorporating this into calculations, as well as ordering them on a number-line. I shall be introducing solving word problems, applying addition and subtraction skills. We will learn to multiply and divide and about 2D and 3D shapes. We shall estimate, measure, weigh and compare objects, using non-standard and standard units of measurement.
Science	We will learn about animals and humans and how we can sort animals into different groups. This will lead us into habitats and understanding food chains. We will briefly touch on endangered species and how this happens. In addition we will learn about different parts of the human body and compare it to alien bodies, as well as comparing healthy food for us and them. We will investigate materials by linking it to 'Aliens love underpants'. What would be a good material for this and why?
ICT	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 will also feature strongly throughout the term.
History	We will learn about Remembrance Day and the Great Fire of London.
Geography	We have already set off on our journey to the African rainforest. We will learn about life in Africa, the continents and oceans, rivers and lakes as well as other special features.
RE	How do we know that we are special? The importance of friendship and our own actions, as well as how to make friends and care for others. Prior to learning about Christmas and how people in other countries celebrate Christmas, we will learn about celebrations of people with different beliefs, focusing on Chanukah.
PE	On Tuesday afternoons the children will be doing Multi-skills with Mr. Partner. On Thursday afternoons we will do gymnastics. In term 2, Y2 will go swimming on Thursday afternoons, whilst Y1 will visit Hercules Class.
Music	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 African songs and accompany them with percussion instruments. In the build up towards Christmas, we will learn Christmas songs as well as songs for our Christmas Play.

Art/DT	We will learn about the artist Leonid Afremov and use his inspiration to create our own African sunset. We will continue exploring colours by creating and African necklace in the style of a Masai warrior. We will make models of alien spaceships and explore star constellations.
PD	Mrs Porter will teach PD on a Tuesday afternoon following the 'Jigsaw programme'.

Home Learning:

Phonics or literacy based activity
 Reading
 1 page in the Mental Maths book

PE Kit:

PE is planned to take place on Tuesday and Thursday this term, but since we may need to reschedule lessons please make sure PE kit is in school every day. Swimming will be for Y2 on Thursdays in terms 2, 4 and 6.

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), 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, I'll be 'Here, there and everywhere'.

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