



Langley Fitzurse CofE Primary School

Pegasus Class Newsletter Overview of learning for Autumn Term 2019



Learning Theme: Up, up and away

Literacy	We have started the year by learning about fables and considering how the moral of it can relate to us and our learning. Having explored features of fables and characteristics, we will then write our own. Children will develop their non-narrative writing when researching and presenting information about animals they have become acquainted with in these stories. We will also explore stories in familiar settings and write letters and postcards. 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.
Maths	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 use our knowledge of place value to add and subtract and eventually multiply.
Science	Our science focus will be forces and, to tie in with our topic, we will explore aspects of air resistance by carrying out a variety of experiments. In addition we will explore 'Animals including humans'.
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 and understanding networks.
History	We will learn about the history of aviation and famous people associated with it, such as the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart.
Geography	We will learn to read and create maps, keys and symbols, begin to understand key physical and human features and create a map of present Kington Langley as well as a futuristic. In order to do so, we will learn the directions of a compass,
RE	In the beginning we will learn about Judaism and some of its festivals, such as Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot. This will lead us toward the way the Christians celebrate festivals, in particular Christmas.
PE	This term we will focus on ball skills, followed by Gymnastics.
Music	Music will be taught by Ms Adlington during PPA time. The children will explore rhythm, melody, dynamics and harmony. In the build up towards Christmas, we will learn Christmas songs as well as songs for our Christmas Play (Y2).
Art/DT	We will learn about Joan Miro and his Magical Realism and Surrealism and create our own pictures in his style.
French	The children will learn French songs and learn how to introduce themselves.
PSHE	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.

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), 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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