

Curriculum Letter

Term: Autumn 1

Year: 2

Team: Mrs McClare & Mrs Binney
 Mrs Taylor, Mrs Cobley & Ms Cope

This half-term our Learning Journey is called 'Happily Ever After' and is based around the popular book 'The Jolly Postman,' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg.



Literacy

As readers and writers we will be looking at the different letters within the Jolly Postman, focusing specifically on changing the style of our writing to suit different audiences and purposes. Children will explore common themes and characters in traditional tales and use this knowledge to plan and write their own fairy-tales.

Numeracy

As mathematicians children will be learning to count large groups of objects by grouping into twos, fives and tens for speed and accuracy. They will begin to look at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and learn about the concepts of multiplication and division and use their knowledge in these areas to solve numerical problems.

In shape and space, the children will visualise and describe common 2D and 3D shapes, referring to their properties. In data handling, the children will represent and interpret data in different charts, table and graphs.

This half-term children will begin work on their mathematic targets focussing specifically on; learning by heart addition facts to 10 and 20. If you can use any time at home to practise these mental targets that would be of great benefit to the children.

Science

As scientists we will be considering how to answer a question by carrying out a scientific investigation. Children will begin to understand the importance of fair-testing and discuss how they can ensure that their investigation is a fair test. They will be encouraged to make predictions based on what they think will happen and then discuss their findings.

Also in Science children will be learning about how objects move across different surfaces. They will investigate and describe this movement and explore how the speed and direction can be changed.

Geography

As geographers the children will explore Kimberworth Park, looking at the physical and human features in their local environment. They will discuss the things that they like or dislike and consider ways in which their local area can be improved upon.

Children will learn their address and use maps of their local area to locate this and their school and will then use this information to draw their own maps of their route to school.

Art and Design

As artists the children will learn about observational artwork. They will use the information and photographs that they collect on their local area walk to draw, paint and sculpt houses and buildings.

In DT children will explore the use of wheels and axles in order to make a new post vehicle for the Jolly Postman.

ICT

In ICT children will be developing their word processing skills and then will practise using and applying them in a range of different programmes.



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RE

In RE children will develop an awareness of the Jewish and Christian creation story and be encouraged to consider and ask questions about our world today. They will be provided with opportunities for their own creativity and for reflection on the beauty of the world we live in. The idea of being thankful is used to aid reflection and will be celebrated during a visit to the local church where children will think about Harvest.

PE

In gymnastics children will develop their individual travelling and balancing skills using the floor and apparatus. They will learn to combine travelling and balances to build a sequence of movements and be given the opportunity to practise, refine and improve their performance.

Mr Franklin will be teaching games this half term on a Wednesday. He will be focusing on developing Football skills.

Routines

School doors open at 8:45 and children are encouraged to come into their classroom and complete a morning activity with their class. We understand that not all parents can stay but if you are able to, then the time should be used to support your child. Registration is at 8:55 and external doors will be closed at 8:55 so any child arriving at school after this time should report to the office in order to get their mark.

This term PE is on Mondays and Wednesdays but please encourage your child to leave their PE kit, including a change of footwear, in school during the week in case we have to change PE days due to the weather. Due to Health and Safety legislation earrings will need removing for PE and long hair should be tied back.

It is recommended that all children bring a water bottle to school so that they can remain hydrated during lesson times. They can refill these in school as required. Fresh fruit is provided each day but if your child would prefer they can bring their own fruit from home.

Any letters can be handed in to the class teacher where they will then be passed onto the office. However all monies (trips etc) now will be paid via parent pay.

How to support learning at home this half-term:

- Please encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis. Ideally each child should be listened to by an adult at least four times per week. When you have listened to your child read please indicate this by signing or initialling your child's reading record. Reading records will be collected in and looked at on a Friday but it would be helpful if they were brought into school everyday so they are available during guided reading sessions.
- Children will be assessed and given a set of spellings to learn. They will be tested regularly and given a new set of spellings when they are secure and applying their spellings in their written work.
- Maths homework will be sent home on a Friday to reinforce the children's learning in Maths lessons that week.

Please remember that if you have any questions or would like to talk about your child or their progress we are available, do not hesitate to ask.