



Faith, Love, Courage, Patience

Friday 15th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

This letter contains information about the curriculum the **Year 3 & 4** children will be studying this term.

English:

The children will continue to widen their understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling. Learning will include new areas such as prepositions, building on their previous knowledge of adjectives and adverbs by learning about expanded noun sentences and adverbials.

Narrative: The children will explore the theme of Familiar Settings in the Horrid Henry stories by Francesca Simon. They children will learn to understand the term familiar settings and look at a range of characters in the stories. They will learn to use descriptive terms to distinguish between character appearance and the characteristics of individuals and express their views. This will be followed by Myths. The children will learn about myths, read a mythical story and learn how to create a mythical story.

Poetry:

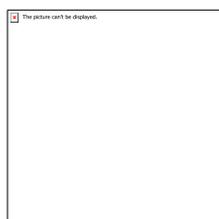
In the first part of the term we will be covering Free Verse by exploring a range of poems and the structure of poems such as verses, rhyme and look at the use of language in poems to include similes and metaphors. In the second part of the term children will learn about limericks and create their own limerick.

Non-fiction: This half-term the children will learn how to write reports to recount an event or events from a chosen fictional passage. They will learn about the use of the past tense in recount text and Year 4 children will be introduced to direct and non-direct speech.

Maths:

The children will begin the term by reinforcing their knowledge of number and place value by being able to correctly place 2 digit and 3 digit numbers on a number line. Year 3 will build on their number bonds knowledge. The children will learn to write balancing numbers. Year 4's learning will include 4 digit numbers. The children will develop their mental addition and subtraction skills. Shape and data will cover symmetry, 2D and 3D shapes, and Year 4 will cover the properties of triangles and learn about polygons.

During the second part of the term the children will learn about measurement and data. Different forms of measurement, mass, length, capacity. Multiplication, fractions and division will be covered. Year 3 children will learn to recognise multiples of 5, 10 and 25. Year 4 children will at this stage be expected to have learnt up to their 8 times tables.



Science:

In Science we the children will be learning about Flowering Plants for the first part of the term and the theme will be Space for the second part of the term. For Flowering Plants the children will learn to name different parts of the plant and their function, pollination, how plants reproduce, the lifecycle of flowering plants.

The theme of Earth and Space will cover knowledge of the different planets, the Milky Way, differences between planets and stars, the history of space travel including the space race. We are planning an evening trip to Bayfordbury Observatory where children will have an opportunity to look through a telescope and observe the stars. More information about this trip will follow in the next few weeks.

History:

Local History is the theme which will be linked to World War 2. The children will learn about the first settlers to the area, places of historic interest, local industry and people. A trip to Ware Museum is being planned to enhance children's learning and knowledge.

Geography:

Geography is linked to history this term. The theme for this half term is Local Area. The children will look at maps and identify different categories of roads around Ware, they will explore the landscape and environment which will include fieldwork to develop the children's knowledge of the area.

Art and Design and Technology

Seasonal Food is the Art theme for the first part of the term. The children will learn to use different medium and techniques to depict seasonal food. They will learn to sketch fruit and vegetables using shading, blend colours using pastels and watercolours. They will gain knowledge about the work of famous Still Life artists to gain inspiration.

Music:

In Music the children will learn about rhythm and beat, rhythmic patterns, lyrics and verse. Children will also regularly practice singing skills to perform together.

PE:

Multi skills will be taught to cover the different physical requirements for a range of sports. This will include athletic techniques such as running, jumping, pivoting. The children will also practice ball skills. Indoor PE will cover creative balancing, movement across different apparatus, gymnastics.

Religious Education:

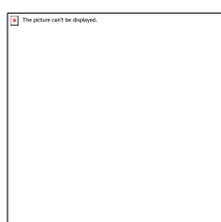
The children will be examining Christianity and Islam. They will learn about the distinct aspects of both religions and similarities. They will learn about places of worship, holy books and leaders. They will explore the different festivals that both religions celebrate such as Eid and Christmas.

PSHE:

SEAL themes will be covered in PSHE. Children will new beginnings, working together, social and personal relationships, mind sets.

Computing:

Children will be developing their skills on Scratch, learn to use spread sheets and their purpose.



MFL (Modern Foreign Languages):

The children will be learning French this term. Their learning will cover colours, numbers, family members, everyday objects and simple introduction sentences about themselves.

Homework:

The children will be given spellings and times-tables to learn which will be tested every Friday. We will continue with the creative homework which we trialled last year. This term it will be to produce something to do with our local area, space and WW2 (more details to follow). This can be in any form such as: painting, drawing, a model, a piece of writing, a power-point presentation etc. Please bear in mind however, that the expectancy will be based upon the amount of time children have been given to produce it..

The expectation for reading at home is at least 3 times a week - any child reading 4 times or more a week will be entered into a reading prize draw every half-term to win their choice of book.

If you have any concerns regarding your child or about any of the subjects that are being taught please feel free to make an appointment to see us through Mrs Duffy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Jackie Williams & Kim Anthony
Class 2 Teachers

