

Next half term our topic is 'Take a trip!' We are unable to specify the precise topic content as we will be asking the children to contribute towards the planning and to help decide which countries we will 'visit'. However, this overview will allow you to see the skills we shall cover.

Geography

Children will begin the topic by looking at the world, continents, countries and oceans. We will focus on where in the world we are located. The children will be asked to think about places in the world they have been and where they would like to visit. They will be given the opportunity to use world maps, atlases and globes to identify where we live and also the countries we visit on our travels. Children will begin to recognise the geographical similarities and differences between where they live and other countries around the world.

P.E

Children will continue working with our Schools Partnership sports coach and this term they will be working on athletic skills and striking and fielding.

Literacy

Children will be taught Literacy on a daily basis with an hour lesson each day. We will be learning about the purpose and features of explanation texts and non-chronological reports. We will learn how to include these features in our own explanations and reports. We will revisit prefixes and suffixes, different kinds of sentences and how to punctuate them. We will also learn about improving sentences by varying openers and connectives.

Take a trip!



Numeracy

As well as continuing to improve number, place value, comparing, ordering and estimating, the children will focus on mental strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will learn about fractions of quantities, shapes and sets of objects, the geometry of 2D and 3D shapes and about measures (including time) and money.

Art and DT

Children will have the opportunity to further develop their art and design skills when learning about traditional arts from around the world. They will explore tribal designs, traditional jewellery and clothing as well as exploring foods from around the world.

Music

Children will listen to, explore and perform traditional music and dance from around the world.

ICT

Children will learn how to program and create algorithms in ICT. We will be using Scratch software to create scenes and backgrounds and programme our own characters to move on command.

R.E

Children will have the opportunity to learn about faiths relevant to our travels.



Additional Information:

Reading

Please hear your child as often as you can (at least 5 times per week) either from a school reading book, or a book from home. Please ensure that you record when you have read with your child in their Homework Diary. There is a 'reading box' in the classroom where your child can put their book when they require a new one. Books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please could you continue to practise sounds from the RWI sounds sheet sent home last week. Please encourage your child to notice specific sounds in words when reading and to generate word lists with those sounds in.

Homework

Reading, spelling and Big Maths practise should take place weekly and be recorded in the children's homework diary. The children should read at least 5 times per week and practise spellings and Big Maths at least 3 times or until they are confident. Please ensure that a quiet time and space is provided for your child to do their homework. Parental support is essential to ensure that homework tasks are beneficial to the child's progress. Please encourage your child to do their very best.

P.E:

There are two P.E. sessions per week and this half term we will focus on athletics. Your child should have their P.E. kit in school each day; this should consist of named shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. P.E. will be on a Monday and Tuesday.

Summer weather

As the weather improves we will endeavour to incorporate outdoor learning into our curriculum. Please can you ensure children come to school with a sunhat and wearing sun protection cream if necessary.

Water Bottles:

Please continue to send your child to school each day with a named water bottle. There is a box in the classroom where children can store their bottles. **Bottles must be taken home each day to be washed and refilled.**

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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