

Grange View C.E



First School

Welcome to this half terms
Topic Information letter for
Willow Class

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and Miss Conroy**

Mrs Cessford and Miss Clapperton



Out of this world!

Autumn Half Term (2)

Numeracy:

We will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction. We will move on to multiplication and division as the half term moves on. We encourage that you are using Times Table Rockstars at home as a way of practising their times tables, as it will help them greatly in our Multiplication and Division unit if they already have some knowledge about the different times tables. **It is especially important for Year 4, who have a multiplication test later in the school year.**

Science - Light, Shadow, Earth, Sun and Moon.

Our big theme this term is Space, so Science will be playing a large role in our curriculum learning. The children will be finding out about how shadows are formed and change throughout the day. They will also be learning that certain materials do not always create shadows. As part of our Space theme the children will learn about the solar system, the planets and how they orbit the sun. They will learn how the orbit creates day and night.



Science will be taught in the classroom but also in our weekly Forest school sessions.

Literacy

Reading

During this half term children will read in a variety of situations throughout the week at school in a shared whole class session, in a small group guided session, one to one with an adult and also independently. The children will look at a range of stories during carpet time as well as Non fiction books about the solar system.

Writing

The children will write in the following genres; Plays: Learning how to use expression and stage directions to perform and the write their own plays.

We will also be using one of the Read, Write Perform units where they record a transmission as an astronaut in space!

Speaking & Listening

Children will be developing a lot of their skills during the residential at the end of term.

Needing to listen and communicate with each other in team tasks.

Music - Recorders Tuesdays

As part of our Music connections, the children have been learning to play the recorders.

Since September, our recorder teacher has been coming into school each week and teaching us. We have learnt lots of rhythms and have started to read music.



Art/DT

Children will be developing their skills to create recreations of earth and other planets. Using the medium of paint, oil pastels and charcoal. Additionally they will be designing their own rocket.



PE - Games

We are continuing with our weekly rugby coaching with a professional sports coach. We have been learning ball skills and team work.

We will be continuing with team games and practising ball skills in PE on Wednesdays.



RE - Are all Christians part of a community?



This half term the children will be looking at the communities they belong to locally and building a sense of belonging beyond this. We will do this by observing and discussing the symbols and traditions of the church as well as comparing how we celebrate Christmas with the wider world and the Christian community.

MFL - French - Les Planetes

As part of their language learning the children will be practising and revisiting their colour names in order to name and describe the planets in French. They will do a variety of games and group activities to learn and recite the vocabulary.



PSHE- 'Relationships'

Year 3: Healthy Relationships - We will be learning about appropriate touching, rights to privacy, good and bad secrets and stereotypes.



Year 4: Healthy relationships and valuing differences. We will discuss what good friendships and relationships look like. We will also be thinking about what makes us different and why we value this.

History/Geography

Having learnt all about space and exploration they children will then be finding out about what life was like in 1969 when man landed on the moon, watching video footage of the iconic event and researching the progress and discoveries NASA has made over the years.



As part of Geography they will be studying the land features of different planets, comparing them to Earth and reasoning why there is no life seen on other planets.

ICT -Powerpoint and key notes



To link with their work in topic/science the children will be presenting their findings using power points. They will be learning how to add slides, animate text and change themes and fonts.

Homework

Reading - Children will be bringing home their home reading books during the week. It would be helpful if you could either write or sign the book to say you have heard them read, it helps us to avoid repeat reading the same pages.

Spellings and Times Tables - Children will be given differentiated spellings to learn for their weekly spelling test on a Friday morning. Please help your child as much as possible learn these words as they will help with their confidence and fluency as both a reader and writer. They will also have a specific times table to focus on within Times Table Rock Stars - the participation so far has been excellent and shows great improvements in the pupils speed.

Maths / English Homework - Children will be given some Maths homework on Mathletics each Friday that needs to be completed by the following Friday morning for class dojo rewards. The maths homework is usually linked to the work they have done that week in Numeracy and should be appropriate for them to complete independently. Once a term they will also be given a short writing task to complete in their purple home writing books, the focus of which will be written in their books along with the date for it to be handed in. Usually they have about three weeks to do the writing. The thought process behind this writing, is for your child to work on their ideas and sentence construction with you, in the hope that they will learn new phrases and ideas which they can then use in their everyday writing in class.

Thanks for your help and continued support

Swimming

As in our previous half term, swimming is still not going ahead due to COVID. We will update you if there are any changes to this.

Forest School / PE Kits

Classes will be using the forest area whenever possible, we have waterproof trousers which we provide for each child but please ensure that their wellies and warm winter coat /hat / gloves are in school so that are comfortable.

We are intending to do PE on Monday and Wednesday, so please ensure that they have their PE Kits as well as appropriate footwear in school on these days.