



Curriculum Letter for Topaz class Autumn 2018

History

Our topic this term is the how the Second World War affected the children. We will be discussing how war affected ALL children not just in Britain. The focus will be on the Home Front not the battles! We have lots of resources in the classroom already but if you have anything at home that you think would be interesting please bring them in. We will look after them!

English

In English, Mrs Roban will be focusing on spelling and the grammar work (SpaG) and guided reading. Mrs Baker will focus on the writing of fiction and non fiction genres. In addition to engaging in reading activities across the curriculum, children will read with an adult in guided groups and we will endeavour to hear individual children read as often as we can. Any shared reading will be communicated in your child's reading record. In class discussions we encourage children to think about books at a greater depth and to make inferences and deductions from the text. It is vital your child reads with you regularly at home – a mixture of reading aloud, reading silently and being read to is ideal. Even for those children who are already confident readers, these skills are all very useful. We would appreciate it if you could record in your child's reading record when you share reading with them.

Science

In science this term we will be studying food chains, digestion and light. The children will be investigation simple and more complex food chains in a variety of environments and habitats. They will discover how the digestion system works through a variety of activities. The topic of light will include work on shadows and the Earth. This topic has an emphasis on investigative work.

Maths

Between now and half term we will be focusing on place value and the number system, including understanding the value of each digit in numbers, deepening learning at every opportunity. A really thorough knowledge of these concepts is invaluable as it underpins so much of our later learning of numerical operations. After half term we will go on to learn about addition and subtraction, multiplication and division using a variety of mental and written methods to develop mathematical fluency. Children will be encouraged to reason mathematically, and solve problems involving the maths they are learning.

We will also be aiming to improve children's knowledge and recall of their times tables up to 12. We value your support in practising tables at home and ask that you help your child to be able to recall individual random multiplication and division facts, rather than learn each table in order.

RE

In RE this term we will be exploring Christianity and answering the enquiry questions of 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' and 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' We will using a variety of activities to do these topics.

PE

We are incredibly lucky to be working alongside the school's Primary PE Specialist this half term, Mrs Julia Scarboro. Julia will be with us on Wednesday afternoons where we will be teaching outdoor and adventurous activities (OAA) and football.

Art and Design /DT

Children will be exploring, designing and creating photograph frames in DT and using war time recipes in Food technology. The children will be using paint to mix their own colours and produce collages and make prints using up to three colours.

Home Learning

Information regarding home learning will be communicated in due course.

