

Honey Pots: Curriculum Information Letter



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P.E. Lesson: Thursday

GAMES LESSON: Wednesday

Homework: Out on Friday, in on Thursday.

Reading: Please read with your child at least **5 times per week**. Once you have heard your child read please add a comment, date and sign.

Spring Curriculum

Topic: Castles and Our Local Environment:

Many of your child's lessons will feed into these topics. Below is a synopsis of how the topic will be studied and some opportunities to extend the learning at home.

English	Quest and familiar settings stories, focusing on fairy tales. Lists, labels and signs. Senses. Practising use of phonics knowledge to spell and write words. Focus on letter formation and handwriting.
Mathematics	Understanding + and -. Looking at counting in 2, 5 and 10s. Measures such as height, weight and length. Simple multiplication and division.
Science	Everyday materials: Look at a range of materials and their properties. Think about what materials are used for. Plants: Identify and name common garden and wild plants and trees (deciduous and evergreen). Identify and describe basic structure of common flowering plants, including trees.
Computing	Bug Club activities
History/Geography	Castles: How different castles look, their changes over time, who lived in castles. Where different castles are. Our Local Environment: Where is our environment? What does it include? What is nearby?
Religious Education	How should people care for the world? Should everyone follow Jesus?
P.E. / Games	Dance/ Gym Games will be taught by an external PE teacher
Art / Design and Technology	A variety of activities including construction, collage, painting, drawing and junk modelling.
Music	Exploring Sound – using body, voices and instruments to make music using shanties and nursery rhymes.
Personal, Social & Health Education	Health & well-being. Recognising and expressing feelings.

Possible family visits/ activities which would enrich your child's learning:

- Reading and writing in different contexts: shopping lists, labels, instructions, books and magazines
- Royal Maritime Museum London.
<http://www.rmg.co.uk/schools>
- Encouraging children to use their imaginations and be creative in different situations.
- Local walks looking at the changes in seasons and the effects seen.
- Online Bug Club activities.

Practical ways to support your child's learning:

- Your child needs to be able to change for PE independently- wherever possible they should aim to be able to do their own top button and tie.
- Help your child to learn their tricky words. It doesn't need to be only pen and paper (writing in the bath bubbles/on a steamed up mirror/computer). Put words into short easy phrases. They can copy your phrases and then make up their own.
- Count lots of different objects in as many contexts as possible. Ask questions like what is one more/ one less/ how many more do I need? (Trips to supermarket, recipes, etc.)
- Encourage independence in everyday routines – can they take responsibility for their book bags, letters, PE kits, homework etc.?