

Cherry Platts: Curriculum Information Letter



Teachers: Mrs J Kretschmer and Mrs K Morris

P.E. Lesson: Friday

Games Lesson: Monday

Homework: given: Friday

return: Thursday

Spelling test: 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: The Continents. As well as English and Maths, most of your child's lessons will feed into this topic. North America and Africa will be our primary focus in school and the children will be researching the other continents as a homework project this half term. Below is a synopsis of how the topic will be studied and some opportunities to extend the learning at home.

Arithmetic	Practise at home quick recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
English	Journey to Jo'Burg and other short stories from African and other cultures.
Mathematics	The focus this term will be on further developing and securing your child's understanding of place value, the four operations, statistics and perimeter and area.
Science	Our topic this term is Properties of Materials and Reversible and Irreversible changes. We shall be investigating what materials are best at thermal insulation and the conduction of electricity before looking to see which changes are temporary and which result in a chemical reaction that is irreversible.
Computing	We shall be enjoying developing our skills in Powerpoint and Kodu. The children will be looking at how to make a non-linear presentation and using their new skills to present to the class. Whilst in programming the children will be building on last term's work to develop more challenging games with levels.
Geography	Children will locate the continent of North America and identify some of the countries within it and explore the landscape and use of physical geography – its varied landscapes, both man-made and natural, biomes, habitats and wildlife.
Religious Education	Our two key questions will be: 'Does the community of the mosque help Muslims lead better lives?' and 'Was the sacrifice of Jesus worthwhile?'
P.E. / Games	This term we will be exploring American Line Dancing and hand-eye ball coordination skills. Part of the latter will include looking at American-style rugby, linking with the topic focus on North America.
Art / Design and Technology	All things African! This will include making an African instrument and art based on African artists for example, Tingatinga painting.
Music	Utilising the Music Express programme, children will explore structures and sources of sound, as well as working collaboratively on performance.
Personal, Social and Health Education	This term the focus will be on completing the 'Make a Difference' Challenge and looking at Democracy, with reference to Nelson Mandela.
French	The children will continue to develop their communication skills and extend their range of vocabulary focusing on 'La Surprise de Handa' (African fruits and animals).

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

- Visit the British Museum, looking through the artefacts related to North America and the Continents.
- Visit a zoo and identify any animals that live in the African, North American and Polar regions.
- Cook using different foods and recipes from across the world.

How to support your child: Practical ways to support your child's learning:

- Give your children opportunities to use their maths skills in real life situations e.g. cooking, shopping etc
- Encourage your child to read a range of quality fiction and non-fiction books. Discuss the books your child has read and read together.
- Help with weekly spellings.
- Support their learning of the times tables