

Cherry Platts: Curriculum Information Letter



Teacher: Mrs Walker

P.E. Lesson: Thursday

Games Lesson: Friday

eSchools homework: given: Friday return: 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

Geography: The Amazing Americas. North America and South America will be our primary focus in our geography lessons in school. Children will investigate and compare climates, geographical features, and time zones, as well as learning about trade and industry.

Arithmetic	Practise at home quick recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
English	The lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will be the guided reading and English focus for the first half of the term before moving onto Journey to Jo'Burg and other short stories from African and other cultures.
Mathematics	Children will be further developing and securing their understanding of multiplication and division, including problem solving. They will also be recognising, writing, comparing, and solving problems using fractions, decimals, and percentages.
Science	The topic this term is Properties of Materials. Your child 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 an irreversible chemical reaction.
Computing	Children will enjoy developing their skills in PowerPoint skills at the start of the term. They will look at how to make a non-linear presentation and use their new skills to present to the class.
Geography	They will locate the continents of North America and South America and identify some of the countries within it as well as exploring 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	At the start of this term, children will focus will be on health, fitness, and circuit training. They will then extend and develop their experience of American Line Dancing, building on the skills covered in year 4.
Art / Design and Technology	Nature will be the inspiration this term, looking at the work of various artists, including Andy Goldsworthy and Fritz Dietal.
Music	Children will explore music theory (in line with start of Grade 1 ABRSM Theory).
Personal, Social and Health Education	This term the focus will be on Living in the Wider World. Children will learn about and discuss various topics including resilience and compassion.
French	Children will continue to develop their communication skills and extend their range of vocabulary and grammar knowledge.

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

- Visit the British Museum Online, looking through the artefacts related to North America and the Continents:
<https://www.britishmuseum.org/closure>
- Visit a zoo and identify any animals that live in the African, North American, and Polar regions.
<https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo-2/>
- Cook using different foods and recipes from across the world.

How 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.
- Encourage regular use of TTRS.