

Miss Whalley's Class Information



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Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents,

This term your child will be focusing much of their work on four learning challenges. Links with these will be made in Science, PSHE/SEAL, RE, Geography, ICT, Art and Literacy (where possible).

Maths

- Counting, partitioning and calculating.
- Securing number facts and understanding shape.
- Handling data and measures
- Calculating, measuring and estimating.
- Identifying relationships in number and shape.

Science Learning Challenges

Why are humans not like tigers?

- Explain basic stages in a life cycle for animals and humans.
- Describe what animals and humans need to survive.
- Describe why exercise, good hygiene and a balanced diet are important for humans.
- Classify and name animals by what they eat.
- Name parts of the human body.

Where do the leaves go in winter?

- Observe and comment on changes in the seasons.
- Name seasons and suggest the type of weather in each season.
- Compare seasons and weather patterns in different countries.

Fruit

Free fruit is available at morning playtime.

Milk

Milk must be paid before the commencement of each term. Please ask at the office for more information.

Water

Children are allowed to bring water in a named water bottle.

English

Fiction

- Talk for writing: The Day the Crayons Quit!
- Exploring stories by the same author - Valerie Thomas.
- Animal riddles.

Non-Fiction

- Meerkat Mail - letter writing.
- Instructions - How to trap a tiger.
- Non-chronological report on seasons.
- Questionnaires.

Art and DT

Art - Painting: Colour mixing, creating warm/cool shades and patterns.

DT: Use of materials to create picture frames.

RE

Christianity - God: Understand God as the creator of the world.

Christmas and Advent - Learn about the religious meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Home reading

Please make sure you hear your child read at least three times per week. Reading records will be monitored and reading books will be changed on Thursdays.

Homework

Children will be rewarded with monster points for any homework they complete. Homework will always be linked to work completed in class and spellings will be taken from the Y2 spelling list.

Geography/History Learning Challenge

Why can't a meerkat live in the North Pole?

- Understand geographical similarities and differences between contrasting countries.
- Look at the human and physical features of different localities.
- Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns.
- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- Identify and locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and the North and South Poles.

PSHE/SEAL

Friendship - Understanding the importance of good friendships and how these are formed.

Families - Understanding of the many different types of families in our lives - home family, school family, etc. and the dynamics of these.

Anti-bullying theme - Verbal and physical bullying.

PE

Children will have two PE sessions a week. Areas covered will be:

- Gymnastics
- Games
- Dance

PE kits are needed on Thursdays.

Please ensure names are in all items of their kit.

Teacher: Miss Whalley Teaching Assistants: Mrs Feeley