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Woods Corner Class



**Autumn 2019
Years 1 and 2**

Dear Parents/guardian (s),

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. The children are already settling into the school routine and are eager to learn about our new topic.

Let me take the opportunity to introduce the Woods Corner team. Mrs Bridges and Mrs Chambers will be working in our classroom this year at different points during the day. We will be working hard to ensure every child has an interesting, exciting and successful year.

Our topic until the Christmas break is 'Inspirational People'.

This is a whole school topic and we hope to inspire the children to the possibilities, opportunities and pursuit of their dreams through a range of inspirational people. It is a growth mind-set topic which allows the children to develop and explore their creativity and understanding of the wider world.

During this term, the children will be learning about David Attenborough, Florence Nightingale, authors such as Julia Donaldson and the famous artist Henri Rousseau. We will be learning about their lives, exploring their growth mindset and how they have enriched the lives of others in different ways.

If you have any resources to support our Inspirational People topic at home, that you would allow the children to share with their peers, please feel free to bring them into school to share on Friday.

In Woods Corner Class, we always welcome extra support in the classroom. If you feel you can contribute your time, resources, or helping hands we would be very grateful. We would love for some adult helpers to come in and read with the children.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and will be working very hard to ensure that every child in the class continues to have a positive and successful year. However, if there should be anything that is a concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Allcorn and the Woods Corner team.

English

To begin our topic, the children will focus on widening their vocabulary as we focus on describing settings. The children will learn how to write stories effectively with a clear beginning, middle and end. We will be focussing on using the correct spelling and punctuation. This will support the children to secure their sentence writing skills. As the term progresses the children will write for a range of purposes including letter writing and information booklets.

To foster a love of reading we will have a feature author each week, starting with Julia Donaldson and finish everyday with a chapter from a well-loved book. 'The Enchanted Wood' has proven to be a great start to this. The children will also have the opportunity to vote for a story to be read during snack time.

Year 1 will be focusing on writing full sentences and remembering to use full stops and capital letters. **Year 2** will be reinforcing the above and extending their writing using conjunctions and interesting vocabulary.

interesting vocabulary. The children will be using a range of sentence types.

Mathematics

The children will begin by look at the number system focusing on place value, adding and subtracting. We will focus on number bonds and key number facts to secure the children's understanding. Throughout the term we will look at money and link our number knowledge to this important life skill.

We will focus on reasoning skills and ensure we are using the correct mathematical vocabulary.

To help your child's understanding of number it is beneficial to practice and learn key number facts.

Year 1 will be learning number bonds to 10 and 20, and key number facts for year 1.

Year 2 will be securing their x10 and x5 tables.

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Science

This term we will focus on 'Habitats'. The children will explore different habitats using BBC clips such Blue Planet, Our Planet and to learn about the different animals which live there. We will also be looking at hedgehogs and how we can support their survival in our local area.

how sound travels and gain a deeper understanding about how our ear works to help us hear. The

History

We will focus on 'Florence Nightingale'. The children will research her accomplishments and how she became famous and an inspirational figure. The children will learn to use timelines, artefacts and ask probing questions to further their understanding and learning.

Art

The children will be encouraged to be creative and imaginative throughout this term. We will be focussing on the work of the famous artist 'Henri Rousseau' who is renowned for his animal paintings, using his ideas and techniques to create our own versions.

PE

We will be concentrating on building up and improving our balance and agility skills. We will be looking at different ways of moving, jumping and throwing using good control and technique. After half term we will move onto looking at dance and exploring a range of different movements to create a short routine. **PE is on Friday** so please ensure your child has a full named kit in school on these days.

Music

We will be using the music scheme 'Music Express' to learn about different musical components. As well as learning songs from Julia Donaldson books and for Harvest Festival.

Computing

We will be learning some basic computing skills, beginning with some simple programming activities and following instructions. We will also focus on ensuring each child is confident with the basic skills when using technology and the importance of E-Safety.

PSHE

The children will be encouraged to have a growth mind-set throughout the school day. Knowing it is ok to make mistakes and we can learn from them. We will also have weekly Circle Time sessions to express their opinions, feel heard and valued.

RE

This term we will be learning about Christianity and what we think God is like by learning about him through Bible stories and pictures.

Homework

Year 1's will not have formal homework until after Christmas. However, we encourage that they read daily at home.

Year 2's will get a home work and spelling grid each term and please encourage your child to read daily at home and record this in their reading record.

Gardening

We are grateful to the volunteers who come in to take groups of children gardening. Please can you ensure your child has wellingtons in school so we can use our gardening and woodland area.

Reading Books

Our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information. Therefore we would encourage all parents to read with their child for 10 minutes each evening. Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they've read at home. Once the children have finished their reading books, please can you encourage them to choose another book.