

This half term, we are going to be following the history theme

'Is the X Box more fun than my grand-parent's toys?'

This is a history based theme but we will be using the theme of childhood throughout most of our other subjects.

What will I be learning about?

- We will begin this theme by visiting Rocket Park to look at the way the play equipment works. This is a research activity to help us plan and make a mini-playground in technology. We will then be developing our historical understanding by looking at brave children in history (link to remembrance week com. 8th November and anti-bullying week 15th November).

PSHCE - Jig saw Piece Two Celebrating Difference

I can explain how my friend is different to me

I can explain what I like about my friend

Why is the little girl going to school with guards?

(Anti Bullying week) Who was Ruby Bridges and why was she brave?



RE - Christianity

The teaching of Jesus and The Nativity Story through the scheme in Discovery RE. We are hoping we can create a performance re-telling the Nativity Story.

PE - We are continuing with our units on Gymnastics.

Design and Technology I will be:

Researching, designing and making a moving model of Rocket Park and learning how to join and combine materials using tools safely. We will also be learning about crafts and skills from people of the past and making - finger bobs and puppets.

Art Drawing and Painting Focus study of Portraits we will be looking at the work of famous artists such as Picasso and recreating some of their art work.

English - Reading and phonics is our number one priority. Reading holds the key that allows your child to access their learning across the whole curriculum.

We will be reviewing our phonics daily as well as additional intervention groups for the children who need it.

In addition to this, children are reading daily in guided reading groups and sharing lots of exciting books as a class.

Some of the books we are sharing as a class are -Horrid Henry- Francesca Simon, We are all welcome here-Alexandra Penfold, Coming to England -Floella Benjamin, The Story Machine-Tom McLaughlin, Meet Sammy-Gail Jones, Traction Man -Simon Bartram and variety of poetry-based on the senses.

We will be reading a lot of different non-fiction books to independently research different topics on changes in technology, toys and materials in living memory.

We can't stress enough how important reading at home is. Please could you ensure your child has their yellow liaison book and reading book everyday.

We will be writing stories, character descriptions and instructions.

Phonics - We are continuing to learn how to spell year 1 and 2 common exception words.

We will be revisiting all phase 3 sounds, as well as the phase 5 sounds we learnt last term. We will also be learning some new phase 5 sounds this half term. Some children will be accessing phonics interventions and this will be discussed during our parent conference calls in early November.

Science

Science will be taught in separate year groups. We are all continuing to name everyday materials and their properties Make observations, record results and simply explain what has happened.

Year 1 will be exploring different materials and their properties. We will be looking at the story of the Three Little pigs and deciding the best materials to build a house and testing their theories.

Year 2 will explore mixing materials such as solids and liquids to explore the way they will change. -we will be making slime and investigating mud!

History The children are finding out about changes in their own life and beyond living memory of toys and books and technological changes in children's toys and Entertainment.

We are also finding out about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements during Remembrance week such as Bessie Coleman and Edith Cavell. Famous Inventors-William Caxton (brought the printing press to England) and Tim Berners-Lee (founder of WWW)

Computing - This subject will also be taught in year groups.

Year 1 are learning about creating media and digital paintings. We will explore different tools to create different types of digital art. Year 2 are continuing to learn about algorithms, debugging, digital media and how technology is used all around us.

*** Reminders ***

PE kits

Each week your child will participate in two PE sessions. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday and leave it in school until Friday.

All children must have appropriate PE kit and should not wear any jewellery including earrings.

School times.

Class Three are arriving at school at 8.45 am. They will be leaving school at 3.00pm. Both drop off and pick up will be from the Pitt Street gate.

Home reading

We are changing the way we organise home reading books in line with the latest Government guidance published in July. Children will have a phonics reading book and two reading practice books. Our new reading books are much more challenging than previous schemes we have used and there is a lot of new vocabulary in them. It is worth spending time talking to your child about the new vocabulary so they understand its meaning. They need to bring their books to school every Thursday and new books will be sent home on Fridays. There was a separate letter explaining how this will work.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and will need to be returned on Thursdays.

focusing on in class.

Spellings - children will bring home weekly

Maths

We will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction within 10, before moving onto work on geometrical shapes. We will end the half term by beginning to look at place value within 20.

I also have some interventions running to address some gaps in learning. These will be discussed further in the telephone parent meetings.

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**Class Three
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