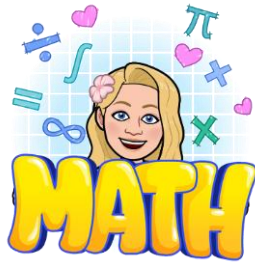


Family album

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on number addition and subtraction. We will be practising counting forwards and backwards as well as fast recall and memorising our number bonds to 10. Children in Reception will be learning in depth about numbers to 5 including writing the numerals, counting, place value and simple addition and subtraction.



English

Our focus texts in English will be 'Once there were giants' and 'Traction Man'. Children will explore the structure of stories through role-play and story retelling. We will look at the language authors have chosen to use, particularly focusing on adjectives and descriptive writing. The children will write their own setting and character descriptions using new, exciting vocabulary. They will write lists and instructions.



Science



This term we will be learning about animals including humans. We will explore our senses and parts of the body. We will also learn about seasonal changes from autumn to winter.

Phonics

Children will have daily essential letters and sounds phonics lessons in which they will learn new sounds and spelling rules. We will practise reading and writing them through games, songs and activities and children are encouraged to apply their learning in written work in class through the use of sound mats.



Geography

This term we will be learning about the United Kingdom and its countries and surrounding waters.



Reading





Children will bring reading books home which are phonetically decodable. In class we will aim to read one to one with children at least once a week. As well as this, reading will also be incorporated into our other lessons across the curriculum.

History

During History this term we will look at our own family history. Changes within our life – what we can do now that we could not do before. The children will create simple timelines. We will also learn all about toys. Toys from the past and toys we use now.

Handwriting

We will practise handwriting in specific lessons and discretely through other areas of the curriculum.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christianity</p> <p>The children will look at a number of stories from the Bible and consider how they might affect us and others in our daily lives. They will learn about how and why Christians worship.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Art</u></p>  <p>The children will create various self and family portraits using different medias inspired by different artists.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>In Music lessons we will be using our voices as instruments. We will be learning traditional songs such as 'the National Anthem' and 'Grand Old Duke of York'.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>Our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays. Lancashire School Sports Specialists will be delivering dance lessons.</p> <p>Please ensure children have their PE kits in school.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Valuing Differences</p> <p>We will look at how are we the same or different as other people and who is special to us?</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Children will be Creating Media. They will design and create their own paintings using different lines, shapes and colours.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>How you can help at home</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading at home with your child can really help their confidence when reading aloud. Whether it be their reading book from school, books or magazines around the home or helping read a recipe when cooking, every little helps! Reading to your child can also help develop their comprehension and enjoyment of reading. You can discuss the stories, what they think might happen next, link events to personal experiences and talk about their favourite characters. • Spellings will be brought home weekly every Friday and children will be tested on them the following Friday. The words sent home will be linked to those learnt in phonics lessons the previous week. • Homework is an opportunity for children to share the skills and knowledge they have learnt in school with you at home and to practise their skills. The tasks will be in a 'Pick 'N' Mix' format and relate to our topic. The red tasks should be completed weekly and children should choose 3 of the green tasks to complete over the half term. Any completed homework can be brought in on Fridays and we will share it in class. • useful websites: www.teachyourmonstertoread.com www.phonicsplay.com www.phonicsbloom.com www.topmarks.co.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize 	