

Aycliffe Village Primary School - Year 1 - Horse Chestnut Class

Mrs Dean and Mrs Smith's Class Newsletter - Summer 2019



Welcome to Horse Chestnut Class - we are really looking forward to a term of interesting and fun topics!

Mathematics

The children will cover a variety of topics throughout this term: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Money, Measurement and Geometry.

The children will be focusing on using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

They will learn to recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes. We will be naming common 2D and 3D shapes and describing position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns. We will be learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and begin to draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. The children will also be solving practical problems for lengths and heights, mass, capacity and time.

English

We will be focusing on letter formation and handwriting this term - Forming lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right, forming capital letters and digits to 0-9 correctly and showing the difference between letter sizes.

This term we will be reading and writing our own fairy tales - we will be describing characters and looking at similarities and differences of a range of fairy tales. We will also be reading and writing fantasy stories with a focus of superheroes! We will be reading a range of poetry and our non-fiction reading and writing will take the form of letters and information texts. There will be a big focus on children correctly using capital letters and punctuation in their sentence writing independently.

In preparation for the Phonics Screening Check we will continue to revise and recall all phonemes taught and continue to learn alternative spellings for phonemes, applying this to our own writing.

Science

We will be looking at seasonal change and weather for the first half of Summer Term. We will think about what we already know about weather, look at weather forecasts and make our own weather observations. We will make collages about the seasons and learn all about shadows. Year 1 will make a class weather station that can measure rainfall, wind direction and temperature. The second part of summer term will be all about Plants. We will explore the outdoor area of school and look at plants that are growing. Talk about what they are and what they will look like when they are fully-grown. Map out the school garden area and decorate with sketches, facts and labels.

Geography / History

History - Grace Darling

In History this term, we will be learning all about a significant individual from our History that has contributed to national and international achievements. We will focus on the life and achievements of Grace Darling, a Victorian heroine, building the children's understanding of life in the Victorian era and how it differs to their own.

Geography

Our Geography topic for this term is Coastal areas. We will look at different features of Britain's coastlines and will focus on how we can look after them. We will think about ways people pollute our seas and how this affects the animals that live there.

Art & D&T

Art - In Art this term, we will be using our Science topic of 'Plants' to do some observational drawing. The children will be drawing plants from our school grounds and garden. They will be carrying out some leaf and bark rubbings too.

D&T - Our D&T topic this term is all about nutrition and cooking. The children will learn that all food comes from plants or animals. We will be developing children's peeling and chopping skills when we design and make our own healthy summer fruit smoothies.

Computing

We will be using the iPads to research and learning how to input information into computer programs then how to save.

We will also continue to look at using computers in a safe and responsible way.

Music

This term our Music lessons will take the focus of the beach and the sea. We will be using our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

Religious Education

Our R.E this term will be based around two questions:

What does it mean to belong in Christianity?

What can we find out about Buddha?

The children draw upon their own understanding of belonging, and then relate this to what Christians from different traditions understand about belonging.

We will be learning about the key principles of Buddhism as well as the meaning of some Buddhist symbols.

P.E.

In P.E this term, our focus will be Games and Athletics.

In games, the children will participate in team games and develop tactics for attacking and defending.

In Athletics, we will focus on running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

Your support with your child's learning can make a big difference to the progress they make.

Please remember:

- Listen to your child read as much as possible at home and ask them questions about their reading to check their understanding of the story. Reading regularly to your child also makes such a big difference to their own reading development.
- Homework will continue to be handed out on Fridays and should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child to remember to hand it in each week.
- Have a clean PE kit in school at all times, including an outdoor PE kit as we hope to have as many PE lessons outside as possible!

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us at school if you have any questions about any of the information on this newsletter.

Best wishes

Mrs Dean and Mrs Smith