



Pendeen

Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2nd Half term 2023

Staff:

Mrs Wilton (Class Teacher)

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Homework and Reading:

This term your child will be bringing home a piece of maths homework and some spellings to learn each week.

Please ensure that your child is reading daily. Reading books will be changed in line with your child's Read Write Inc. lessons. Re-read each book several times, this will enable your child to familiarise themselves with the story and to develop good comprehension.

Your child will continue to choose a book to read for pleasure from our class library. These will be changed once a week on a Friday.

Please keep reading those bedtime stories with your children, it really does help them to develop a love of reading.

"Reading is important. If you know how to read, then the whole world opens up to you." Barack Obama

Thank you for your continued support.

Our new topic is...



Maths:

This term we will learn to:

- Represent and compare numbers to 10
- Understand composition of numbers to 10
- Counting backwards from 10
- 3D shapes
- Equal and Unequal groups
- Measurement
- Patterns

Literacy:

The children will continue to have daily phonics lessons using the Read Write Inc. programme where they will learn how to read and write sounds and words. In literacy children will continue 'Drawing Club' focusing on a different story each week. Children will be learning new vocabulary linked to the story for that week. Children will draw pictures linked to the story and will write a sentence.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The whole school value for this half term is 'Forgiveness'. The children will learn what it means to forgive. We will link the value to a bible story.

We will have weekly circle time, this term we will be focusing on 'Healthy Me'. Children will learn the importance of eating a healthy, balanced diet and being physically active. We will talk about how to be a good friend and enjoy healthy friendships.

Communication and Language:

Children will take time to look at and discuss 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Brown. We will talk about the fruits used and will think about the vocabulary used in the book. We will support the children to listen carefully and ask questions to find out more information. Children will learn how to respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments. They will participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions.

Physical Development:

The children will have two weekly PE lessons this half term. On a Wednesday the children will be having games lessons where they will learn to send and receive a ball to / from a partner in a game situation. On a Friday the children will have Dance lessons, the theme for this half term will be 'Toys'. The children will learn to move around as though they were toys. Children have plenty of access to the outdoors every day, this helps the children to develop good physical skills in all areas of physical development. Children will continue to work on their fine motor skills, strength in their fingers to aid their writing.

Understanding the World:

In this topic, children will learn about farming and growing plants. The children will learn that some foods are from plants and others come from animals. We will plant beans and we will support children to identify the plant parts, including the roots, stem and leaves.

Expressive Art & Design:

All children will have weekly music lessons where they will appraise a new song, learn to find the pulse of the music, explore high and low pitch and learn new songs to sing. We will provide an adult led art sessions linked to the topic giving the children opportunities to learn new skills. They will use junk modelling to make farm machines and paint them and they will make seed shakers to make music with.

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The theme for the first half of the spring term is 'Salvations'. The children will learn why Easter is special for Christians. We will listen to the story of The Good Samaritan and why Christians helps others. We will talk about what the cross reminds Christians of and what happens on Easter Sunday. Children will say a daily lunchtime prayer and will participate in daily whole school collective worships.

Please ensure your child has their book bag, water bottle and coat in school every day. On Wednesday and Friday children need to arrive in their PE kit. Thank you.