



Pendeen

Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 1st Half term 2023

Staff:

Mrs Wilton (Class Teacher)

Mrs Maker (Teaching Assistant)

Homework and Reading:

Please ensure that your child is reading daily. Reading books will be changed twice a week on a Monday and a Friday or 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.

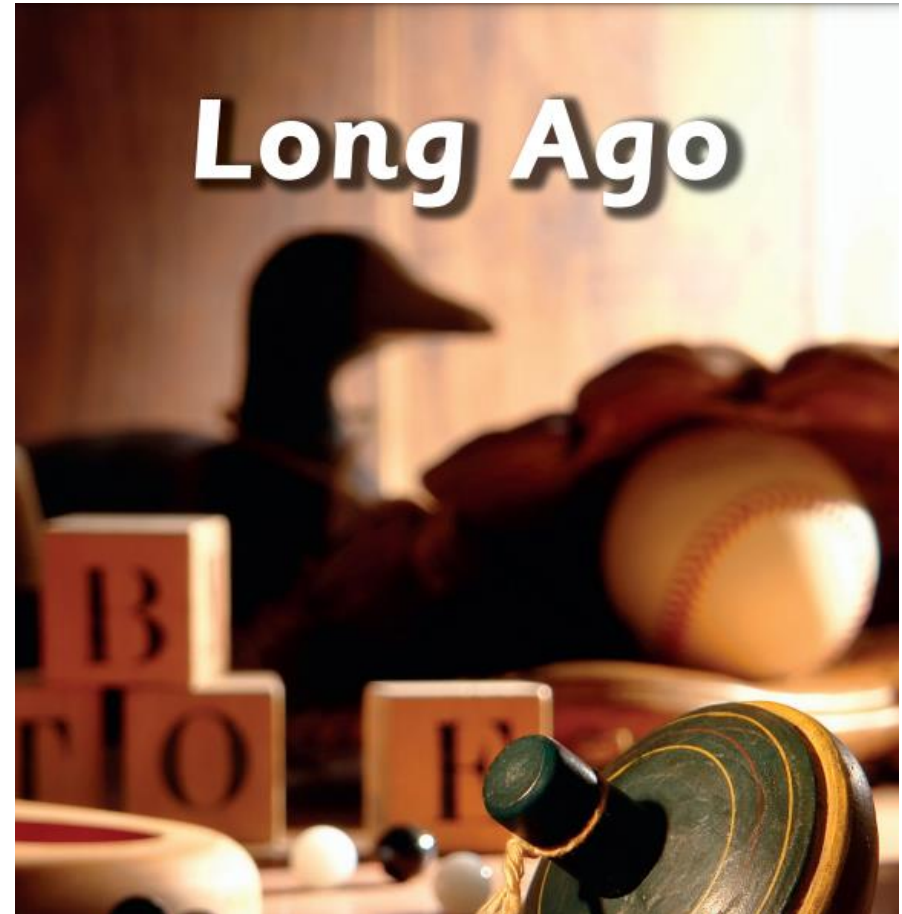
Please keep reading those bedtime stories with your children, it really does help them to develop a love of reading.

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.

'Children are made readers on the laps of their parents'
Emilie Buchwald

Thank you for your continued support.

Our new topic is...



Maths:

This term we will learn to:

- Measure capacity
- Represent and compare numbers to 8
- Understand composition of numbers to 8
- Measure and compare height and length
- One more and one less
- Continue to learn the days of the week
- Combining 2 groups
- Measuring time

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 be focusing on a different story each week. The stories will be a mix of traditional tales, adventure books and classic children's cartoons from the past. Children will be learning new vocabulary linked to the story for that week. Children will draw pictures linked to the story and will start to add words and eventually will move on to writing sentences.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The whole school value for this half term is 'Wisdom'. The children will learn what wisdom means and will identify situations where wisdom is needed and/or has been shown. We will link the value to a bible story.

We will have weekly circle time, this term we will be focusing on dreams and goals. Children will learn that they can persevere and tackle challenges. They will set a goal to work towards, encourage other to achieve their goals and learn to feel proud when they have achieved their goals.

Communication and Language:

Children will take time to look at and discuss the pictures and stories from the past. 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 listen to instructions and move in different ways with control, they will bounce a ball and pass a ball into a target and finally they will use the skills that they have learnt to play a game. On a Friday the children will be having dance lessons with Miss Katie. 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 life in the past. We will discuss why photos in the past are in black and white and how they compare with photos today. We will have a look at photographs of items from the past and will see if we can work out what they were. We will compare objects from the past to object we use in our day to day life now.

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 make letters and cards for loved ones and will design and make toys from household objects such as pegs and pipe cleaners.

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The theme for the first half of the spring term is 'Thematic'. The children will learn how religions teach that everyone is unique, including how Hindus celebrating Raksha Bandhan. The children will learn how babies are welcomed into a family through Christian, Islamic and Humanist ceremonies. 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 children need to arrive in their PE kit. Thank you.