

Attenborough Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2017

Welcome back to school and welcome to your new class/year group!!! I hope you had a great Summer holiday! Our new topic for this half term is North America with a strong Geography focus.

Topic – Geography – North America

We will be starting our topic learning about continents and the countries in North America and then we will be comparing different landscapes, climates and places across North America, followed by having the opportunity to plan and present a trip. This will link in closely with some of our English writing as well as Maths and Computing.

Topic - Science

In Science we will be learning about 'classification'. We will be describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. We will be giving reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

PDL / Circle Time

We will spend some time each week learning about making friends and friendship. As well as bullying, cyber-bullying and how to get help if you are frightened. We will do this through group activities and circle time.

Art

We will be looking at the famous work by the artists R.C. Gorman and Michael Cruz, linked in with our topic and then be producing our own pieces of art work.

Modern Foreign Languages

We will be starting to learn a new language this year - French. We will be learning the basics such as greetings, numbers and colour to start and then moving on to learn how to say our likes and dislikes. We will be doing this in the form of stories, songs and fun activities.

Maths

We will start the half term working on comparing and ordering numbers, this includes large numbers over 1,000, 000 as well as decimal numbers to 2 decimal places. Within this place value and number unit we will be exploring rounding in more depth rounding number to the nearest 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000. We will then be moving on to calculations and this will include some work calculating with fractions as well as whole numbers and decimals. The year 6 will be learning more about algebra and how to calculate when letters are involved with Maths.



English

In our English we will be looking at a number of different genres of writing, including writing an adventure story and making information leaflets. Our first learning journey is based around the book 'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks and we will be exploring this text in both our English lessons and our Guided Reading sessions. We will be exploring new vocabulary, along with sentence structure and re-writing our own parts of the story. We will also be learning spelling rules every day which will link with the spellings set for homework and will be continually revisited in our grammar sessions (when relevant) as well as handwriting sessions. Grammar will be taught within English lessons as well as in separate sessions as morning activities and afternoon sessions. We will be re-visiting all aspects of grammar within the primary curriculum from prefixes and suffixes through prepositions, contractions and on to the passive and active voice.

Computing

We will become website developers, learning how to create our own websites this half term and this will link in with our topic work on North America.

PE and Games

Games will be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Holmes our sports coach. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. PE will be gymnastics this half term where the children will be learning new skills and creating their own sequences individually and in small groups. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

Music

We will be exploring 'pitch' this half term using 'Drunken Sailor', as well as practicing our singing in class and whole school practices.

Guided Reading and Spelling

We will be continuing to develop our reading and comprehension skills with regular 1:1 reading, group reading, shared reading and comprehension challenges. We will be learning new spelling rules, as well as working on developing our current understanding. We will do this through a variety of spelling challenges and investigations.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be sent home on a Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Monday. Please continue to sign your child's reading record so we know how much they are reading at home and can reward them.

If you do have any questions or queries regarding your child's in school learning or home learning then please ask.

Regards,

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