

Home School Liaison

Lucas

Spring Term 2

Mrs Breheny and Ms Gosson



Spring Term 2 Focus Theme: Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Focus Reading Text: Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling

Recommended Websites: Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Numberblocks – BBC iplayer, Purple Mash, Mathseeds.

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Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum overview is on the school website).

Reading & Writing:

In Literacy this term, the children will study stories with a theme – animals. They will read, predict, infer and finally innovate and write their own story. The children will learn about the features of explanation texts and write their own based on the life cycle of a chick. Finally, the children will study the Easter story and write their own versions.

Home Learning:

Please refer to the knowledge organiser on Dinosaurs.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

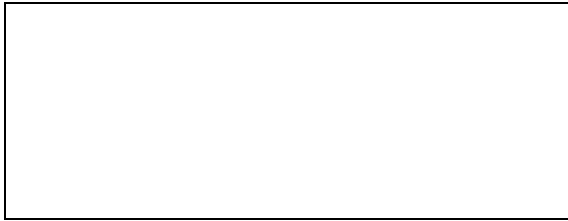
I will continue to send home short comprehensions for your child to complete. These are optional but will help with the up-coming tests. Some of the answers are a little tricky and are not necessarily written in the text. These are referred to as inference questions and it is for your child to infer what the author is implying.

Spelling:

The spelling rules being learnt over the next term are:

- Using the suffix ment
- Using the suffix ful
- Using the suffix less
- homophones
- Year 2 common exception words

	In the coming weeks, some words will be highlighted and the children will need to write a sentence containing the focus word.
Mathematics: This term we will focus on measurement of length, height and mass. We will learn to tell the time in 5 minute intervals. By the end of year 2 it is an expectation that all children will be able to count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 and know the multiplication tables for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.	Times Tables: Please help your child to count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Please help them to learn the associated multiplication and division facts. Please help them to consolidate number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.
	What we will be learning ...
RE: This term's units of study are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter- How do symbols help us to understand the story? 	The children will consider the meaning of the word celebration. We will learn about the different Christian symbols used at Easter and a range of different crosses. Finally, we will read and discuss the Easter story.
Computing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioning 	Children will learn to create a pictogram. They will learn to construct a binary tree and then progress to use a database to answer more complex questions.
Science: Animals – Define the term habitat and micro-habitat, giving examples of animals that live in each. Humans - understand good nutrition.	Children will explore a variety of habitats and micro-habitats along with the animals that may be found in them. They will use magnifying glasses to look closely at micro-habitats and find the animals that live there. Children will taste a range of healthy drinks and decide on their own ingredients to make a healthy, nutritious drink.
History:	
Geography: To locate different habitats a map.	The children will use maps and globes to identify and locate different habitats around the world.
Art & Design: To learn to use a range of materials creatively using different art and design.	The children will use the different materials and techniques to draw animals and create 3D animals.
Design & Technology: To select from a range of tools and equipment.	The children will design, create and evaluate their own animal enclosure.
Music: To learn to compose their own piece of music.	The children will use their voices and instruments to play along to the music. They will then compose and play their music.
PSHE: To learn mindfulness and growth mind-set.	The children will learn yoga techniques to help will mindfulness.
PE: Children will be learning a range of athletics.	Delivered by West Lancashire Sports partnership.
Forest School:	Year 2 will complete forest school activities. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.
Theme Weeks/Days: Gospel Value Day - HOPE	Topic Homework: Please refer to the homework grid based on Paws, Claws and Whiskers.

**Show and Tell:**

Each week two children will receive a letter informing them it is their turn for Show and Tell. When your child is chosen, they can choose any activity from the Homework Grid, complete it at home and bring it into school to share.

Reminders:

PE: PE takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children are expected to wear PE kit consisting of a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of black pumps. These should be named and kept in a drawstring bag. PE kits are returned before every holiday to be washed and should be returned to school on the day we return from holidays. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they should come to school with plasters to cover earrings on the appropriate PE days.

Extra Curricular Activities: We strive to provide a wide range of activities for children to take part in. Parents will be notified of what these clubs are and how to access them through letters or the weekly Newsletter.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform and look smart. All items of clothing should be named. Shoes should be sensible and black. Please ensure children have weather appropriate outer wear as children go outside as often as possible. Hair accessories should be consistent with the school uniform colours i.e. navy blue or grey.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify Chrissy. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration is prompt at 8.55am. If your child is late then they must enter school via the school office. Termly 100% Attendance is celebrated at the last Assembly of term and at the Leaver's Assembly at the end of the school year.

Parking: Parking in the school car park is strictly prohibited at all times. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking on Back Lane or in the village.

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term ahead!
Mrs Breheny