

Home School Liaison

Rigby

Autumn Term 1

Mrs Standrell, Mrs Djemai, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Barker-Gaskell



Autumn Term 1 Focus Theme: Scrumdiddlyumptious!

Literacy Focus Novel: Fantastic Mr Fox

Recommended Websites: Times Table Rockstars, Hit the Button, BBC Bitesize, Prodigy Maths

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Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum overview is on the school website).

Reading & Writing: This term we will be covering a variety of writing styles. We will be focusing on our reading text 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl and 'Here I am' by Oliver Jeffers. From our reading text, we will be developing our inference skills, describing settings and at new vocabulary we can use in our writing. We will also be describing characters, writing a newspaper report, creating an advertisement and writing a diary entry.

Reading in school is an important part of the day, the children spend time reading each day and complete age appropriate comprehension questions during our guided reading sessions.

We will also read our class novel together at the end of the day and discuss what we have read. The children will also have time provided to enjoy reading for pleasure.

Mathematics: This half term our focus will be:

Year 3: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

Year 4: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

RE: David, God and the Psalms.

Home Learning:

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.

Spelling: Spellings will be given out every Monday, the children need to learn the spelling rule and also be able to put these words into a sentence

Times Tables:

By the end of Year 3, children should know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

By the end of Year 4, children should know all of their times tables to 12.

At the end of Year 4 children will be tested on their times table knowledge.

All children should try to use Times Table Rock Stars daily, to secure their times table knowledge.

The children will be able to retell the stories of David,

	<p>recognise their own values and the values of others.</p> <p>Connect Christian values and beliefs to events and teaching in the Bible. Understand how the imagery of the Psalms reveals Christians beliefs about the nature of God.</p>
Computing:	<p>Computing will take place for Year 4 on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Bolton and on a Wednesday with Mrs Jenkinson in Year 3. This term, we will be looking at Coding and creating control simulations. We will also be looking at the importance of Online Safety.</p>
Science: Animals and Humans	<p>This unit teaches the importance of the right type and amount of nutrition as well as the functions of skeletons and muscles. All children should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand that plants and animals obtain food in different ways. 2. Identify the right types and demonstrate they understand the right amounts of nutrients for animals including humans. 3. Name the different types of skeletons as well as identify and categorise animals based on the type of skeleton it has. 4. Identify the main bones in the body and how a skeleton protects, supports and helps the body to move. 5. Explain how pairs of muscles work together to enable movement.
History: Local History Study	<p>We are learning about the history of Newburgh School and the local area. We will be fact finding and we will be looking at historical buildings within the village. We will create a timeline of events and we will also look at farming and land use in Newburgh and the local area over time. We will be asking questions about Newburgh and we will complete research to find out the answers to them.</p>
Geography: Locally sourced food, food in Europe and around the world.	<p>We will be studying the local area and we will look at farming, land use, buildings and features of the local area. We will find out what produce is grown locally, regionally, nationally and also find out about different foods from around the world. We will participate in local fieldwork and we will ask and answer a range of geographical questions. We will also use maps, globes and atlases to find these places and we will research them. We will also follow the journey of a cocoa bean and find out where it has travelled from to end up in our supermarkets in the form of a chocolate bar!</p>
Art & Design: Focus Artist: Guiseppe Acrimboldo	<p>Art & Design will take place with Mrs Bolton for both Years 3 and 4. We will create pictures of fruit exploring different drawing and painting techniques, finally making a sculpture of these pieces. We will also create portraits in the style of Acrimboldo's fruit creations.</p>

Design & Technology:	DT will take place with Mrs Bolton for both Years 3 and 4. We will investigate and analyse a range of existing products, focusing of the importance of food and nutrition in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, creating our own fruit pizzas. We will also use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional and appealing products that are fit for purpose, by creating healthy supermarket snacks, for example.
Music: Ukulele and glockenspiel	Music will take place on Thursday for Year 3, they will be learning to play the glockenspiel this half-term. Later in the year they will learn how to play the recorder. Music will take place on Friday for Year 4, they will be learning to play the Ukulele. This will be taught by Mr Cairns.
PSHE: Transitions into Year 3 and 4, Belonging to a community	We will be completing 'All about me' activities and we will find out all about our friends. We will also learn about our new classroom routines and rules and we will create and sign our class charter. We will participate in yoga, mindfulness and relaxation activities and we will also complete circle time tasks and read a range of social stories. We will be completing a range of tasks associated with our feelings. We will also be completing work about being a member of different communities and we will discuss belonging to different groups.
PE:	PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Friday afternoon is taken by West Lancashire Sports Partnership. Please remember your PE kits, including outdoor kits.
Theme Weeks/Days: Roald Dahl Day: Monday September 14th We will be studying Roald Dahl in class. We will find out all about him and we will look at a range of stories that he wrote.	Topic Homework: See home learning homework grid.

<p>Reminders:</p> <p>PE: PE takes place on Wednesday and Fridays. 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 holidays to be washed and should be returned to school on the day we return from holidays.</p> <p>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 clothing as children go outside as often as possible. Hair accessories should be consistent with the school uniform colours i.e. navy blue and grey.</p> <p>Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important. If your</p>

child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify Chrissy. Rigby's class start time is 8.55am and finish time 3.25pm. **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.

We have had a fantastic start to Autumn Term and we are very proud of all the children. We are all looking forward to the rest of the term.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

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