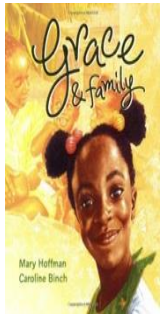


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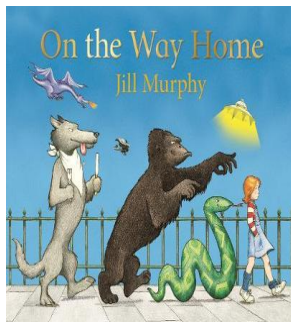
Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer! We have a lot of exciting learning this term in our topic 'Where I Live'. This newsletter gives an overview of what we will be learning in each subject.

English

We will be looking at three different texts this term related to our topic.



'Grace and Family' discusses modern family relationships, separation and reunion. For our writing outcome, we will be writing a description about our own families.



'On the Way Home' is written to stimulate imagination, just how did Claire hurt her knee? We will be writing an imaginative explanation for how we get to school.

Phonics

Children will have Phonics lessons every day as usual. They will continue to develop their knowledge of different grapheme-phoneme correspondences and we will be applying them in our reading and writing.

Geography

Linked to our topic, we will learn about our local area. We are going to research about Fawkham and surrounding areas.

During the term, we will visit Longfield and collect data about what we find there. We are also going to go to the shops to buy ingredients for a cooking lesson.



Maths

Year 1 - We will secure our place value knowledge with numbers up to 20. We will then use this knowledge to add and subtract numbers up to 20 and also begin to recognise money. Finally, we will be able to use place value with numbers up to 50 and begin to multiply.



Year 2 - We will stretch ourselves by learning to use place value with numbers up to 100. We will then begin to add and subtract numbers up to 100 including money. We will end the Autumn Term with multiplication.

History

As we are learning about where we live this term, we will be looking at how homes have changed over time. We will start with the Tudors, Victorians and Elizabethans. Then we will move to the 1940s, 1960s, 1980/90s to now.

We are also going to be researching how buildings have changed in our local area.

As well as this, we will be looking at how household items have changed and the key changing points - introduction of electricity, light bulbs and telephones.



Science

Our focus for the term is 'Light' and we will be learning about the scientist Thomas Young. We will be comparing light and dark, as well as discussing which surfaces reflect light and why.

We will also be exploring the work by English scientist Thomas Young, most famous for his wave theory of light.



RE

The topic for the term is 'What do Christians believe God is like?' We will be learning about who Christians believe in, and talking about what Christians think about God and what he does for us.

We are going to look at parables in the Bible, discussing what a parable is and what they tell us about what God is like.



Music

We are focusing on two different themes this term linked to our topic. The first is Our School, which looks at *exploring sounds*. The second is, Toys where we will learn more about *beat*.



PSHE

Our topics during Autumn, we will be discussing "what makes a good friend?" and "what is bullying?" We will be talking about the qualities of good friends, how to manage arguments as well as knowing correct vocabulary associated with bullying.



PE

In Term 1 we will focus on personal skills and work on building our footwork coordination and our ability to balance on one leg. In Term 2 we are going to boost our social skills through jumping, landing and seated balancing.



Homework

Monday - Spellings will be sent home

Wednesday - Maths and English homework sent home
- Maths and English homework due in

Daily - reading should be regular at least 3 sessions a week



Art

During our first few days of term, we will be engaging in lots of art lessons. We will be focussing on the artist Piet Mondrian. After our final art lesson, we would have produced our own artwork in the style of Mondrian representing a place where we live.

Design and Technology

Linked to our History learning, we will use the ingredients we purchased on our Geography trip to bake a Tudor style bread.

Before we bake the bread, we will research recipes, discuss health and safety and write our own method.

After our cooking (and tasting!), we will evaluate our learning.



Computing

We will start the year with the topic 'Use.' In this module, we will learn the different parts of the computer, as well as the hardware and software.



Information

Monday - Reading records checked

Tuesday - Miss Richardson is teaching Hedgehogs

Wednesday - Homework due in

Thursday - We will be having PE on Thursdays this term, so all children should come into school in their PE kits every Thursday unless notified otherwise.

Friday - Spelling test

