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learning

Spring 1 Newsletter

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break.

As you are aware Mrs Barrett will no longer be teaching the children on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Sullivan, will be joining Mrs Garner in teaching Year 2. Mrs Sullivan has been working in Key Stage 2 at Whaplode for the last two years and has a wealth of Key Stage 1 experience.

Important Information

A few reminders...

Homework will be sent home on a Monday and must be in by the Friday of the same week. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of 4 times a week in line with school policy. Please ask your child questions as they read to aid their comprehension and remember to sign their reading diary. If you need any question prompts, please do not hesitate to ask.

Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested on the following Friday. These are still focusing on the phonics spelling rules the children are learning in their RWI sessions.

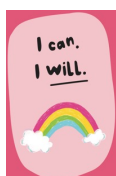
Children should attend in PE kits on a Thursday and Friday.

Don't forget to check out the school website and Twitter for useful information and to see what we've been up to.

Writing Skills

This half term the children will be writing three key pieces, starting with a story focusing on the retelling of Little Red Riding Hood.

Then we will move on to writing a report on animals that hibernate. We think the children will really enjoy this piece! Last but not least, the children will be writing a persuasive letter based on The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Darwell.



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Maths

In mathematics this half term the children will be focusing on multiplication and division and the relationships between the four operations. They will be working on using multiplication and division in a variety of different contexts. The children's homework for the holidays would have really helped prepare them for this so thank you for your support in this.

Once we are confident in this we will then move on to length and height, the children usually really enjoy this unit of learning as we find out a lot about our own heights and compare ourselves to the length of blue whales!

RE

This half term our focus is on being thankful. In our 'Thankfulness' unit we will learn how Christians show gratitude, why Harvest is celebrated and how this is celebrated around the world.

Science

We will be developing our knowledge of electricity and how this works. The children will learn how to identify which appliances use electricity and where this is sourced. We will also make electrical circuits and learn about staying safe around electricity.

PE

On a Thursday, the children are lucky to have our wonderful sports coach Miss Kier teach them gymnastics and Mrs Garner will be teaching the children dance. Please ensure the children are in kit for both days with earrings removed.

Foundation Subjects

Geography:

This half term we will be learning about The British Isles. The children will gain an understanding of what makes The British Isles and the countries within the Isles.

Art:

Our topic title for this half term is Self-Portraits. In this unit the children will learn how to paint a realistic self-portrait.

Computing:

This half term we will learn about word processing. The children will be given the opportunity to use the school laptops to learn how to type a poem in word and add images.

Music:

Our focus for this half term is rock music, the children will be listening to and appraising various different songs such as Rockin' All Over The World by Status Quo and learning how to play their own rock genre song.

PSHE:

In PSHE the children will be discussing their dreams and goals for the future.