



Curriculum Newsletter

Class NN ~ Spring Term 2014

Our Visual Literacy Theme is...



Our PE Day is...

Tuesday

Our Homework is...

Literacy, Maths or topic work once a week. To be given on a Friday and handed back in the following Wednesday. Reading every day or as much as possible! Practising spellings and timetables ready to be tested on a weekly basis.

Mathematical Development

We are now following the New National Curriculum and we will cover the following areas in Maths:

Number

- number and place value
- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division
- fractions

Measurement

Geometry

- Properties of shape
- Position and direction

Statistics

Each area is covered at a level appropriate to age and ability.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Literacy-Non- Fiction: Recount- Creating own recount based around Kings and Queens.

Literacy-Non Fiction: Dairy in 1st person- Creating own diary entries based around King Henry VIII.

Literacy- Non- Fiction: Persuasive Texts- Linked to parliament and democracy (PSHE topic)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar- Children will be taught grammar, punctuation and spelling patterns and rules in a weekly session.

Reading- Children will be taught reading mainly through Guided Reading, but also with Shared Reading and individual reading.

Physical Development

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Gymnastics- Covering balancing, jumping and landing

Dance- Focussing on health and fitness

Sports Science- Bones and Muscles

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Science-Animals, including humans

Science- Light

History-Kings and Queens- Looking at the lives of important English Kings and Queens.

ICT- Research Skills- Within the school network and using web based tools.

ICT- Music Making

ICT- Recording and Editing Audio

ICT- Your Digital Footprint

Creative Development

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Art- Portraits and People Drawings

Art- Bayeux Tapestry

Design and Technology- Design and make a castle to keep enemies out.

Personal, Social & Emotional

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

RE- Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his ministry

RE- Jesus' teaching and example

PSHE- Health and Safety

PSHE- Local and National democracy

Important Messages and Reminders...

Welcome back! I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year.

On PE Days please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. Earrings should be removed, or covered in tape if they have been pierced within the last 6 weeks. Children will not be allowed to take part in PE with earrings in if they have been pierced for more than 6 weeks, due to health and safety reasons. Please also remember that long hair should be tied back.

It is really helpful if you can continue to support children's reading at home and fill in (or remind them to fill in) their home school diaries every time you read with your child, or they read by themselves. It might be their stage book, free reader book or a book from home. It is useful to see when they are reading.

Children will continue to be set homework weekly on a Friday and it is expected that this should be handed back in on a Wednesday, or they will begin to lose their Golden Time. Please could you also continue to check your child's home school diary regularly and sign it on a weekly basis.

Also a little reminder that there are a range of resources to help you help your child available on the school website. Visit

www.holytrinityhalstead.com/helpingyourchild

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any problems or questions. Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Nethersole