



Autumn 2

Puffins Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over half term - it is great to see the children after having a break. They have been wonderful in school and we are really looking forward to all of the fun learning we have planned for this half term.

History:

This half term our History topic is the Pretoria Pit Disaster. We will be learning about what the disaster actually was, when it happened, why it happened and the effect it had on the local community. Children will be learning about what a mine is, what it was like in a mine and how miners lived.



DT:

Our design brief for this term in DT is "To make a bug hotel for small bugs to live in." We will investigate what a good structure needs as well as how to join materials successfully. We will use materials such as wood, plastic and cardboard and evaluate the usefulness of all of these materials.



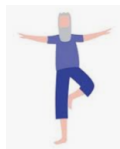
Science:

In Science this half term we will be looking at Material Properties. We will be learning to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses and finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.



PE:

This half term we will be focussing on gymnastics.



PE days –

Puffins – Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure your child comes into school in the appropriate PE kit and have a bottle of water in school.

RE:

This half term our RE focus is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' The unit looks at Christian beliefs about who Jesus was, the story of the birth of Jesus, advent, celebrating Christmas and Christmas traditions.



PSHCE:

Our overarching topic for PSHE this half term is Relationships. Children will be learning about the difference between secrets and surprises, what to do when they feel unsafe or worried about themselves/others, noticing and celebrating differences between people, learning how to listen and work cooperatively and knowing how to share their opinions.



Computing:

In Computing this term, we will use our digital literacy skills to practise typing on a keyboard. We will practise inserting pictures and text into documents. We will also practise adding data to pictograms and other data recording applications on purple mash.



Music:

In Music, we will listen to different types of Christmas music. We will explore, create and perform a new piece of music each week. The children will learn how to play tuned and untuned instruments and explore vocabulary such as pitch, tempo and pace.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, PE kit, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn times tables
- Create one example from the half termly project list



Home reading: Please ensure that your child reads 5 times a week

Reading Challenge

5 x= Green

2/3/4= Yellow

0/1= Red

If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!

Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

Our School Twitter page



We have a new school twitter page which we update regularly. You can see all the exiting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are all working. Please give us a follow to keep updated!