

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Ospreys

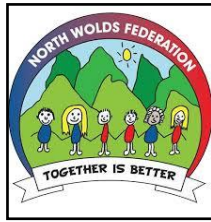
Autumn 2020

Our Theme: European Explorers



Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Honesty, Respect, Fairness.



Welcome back to school after a very extended break over lockdown and the summer holidays. The children have come back with a fantastic attitude and settled into the daily routine again brilliantly!

If you need to speak to me about any concerns you may have, please contact the School Office, and I will contact you by telephone or email.

English

In English, we are focussing on our Recovery curriculum, to ensure that the children have a secure understanding of the previous year's learning before progressing to this year's objectives. We are already enjoying our class text 'The House with Chicken Legs', which supports all of our writing tasks.

We are also having a special focus on revising our spelling rules and grammar structures.

We are continuing with our daily Guided Reading sessions, which the children are still enjoying as much as ever.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be focussing on ensuring that the children's grasp of place value is secure, as this provides the foundations for the rest of our year's work. We will also be delving into the four key mathematical operations and learning the mental and written methods that go with each.

We will be enjoying our new daily Fluent in Five sessions: short sharp daily practice of key facts, which will help the children to feel super confident with basic calculation strategies.

We will also be working daily on Rapid Recall facts, times tables in the first instance. We will be continuing with our Times Table Rockstars weekly battles between classes and strongly encourage the children to play along with these at home.

R.E

In RE, we will be focusing on 'Understanding Christianity', reflecting on questions about what it means to belong and what Christians believe about God.

Geography

We will be covering our Geography objectives through English this term. We will be taking a virtual tour of Europe, and writing about the countries we

find out about as we go.

Jigsaw

Jigsaw will provide the backbone of our Wellbeing curriculum in the wake of the pandemic. We have additional lessons planned, as well as daily mindfulness sessions, to support the children's transition back into school and ensure that they are comfortable and happy to continue their learning with us.

Forthcoming themes include 'Reconnecting with Friends', 'Managing Worries and Fears' and 'Unexpected Changes'.

We will also be thinking about our regular Autumn theme Being Me in My World.

P.E

In P.E., we will be focussing on Cricket skills including throwing, catching and batting.

Design & Technology

In DT this term, we will be designing our own moving houses, related to our English text 'The House with Chicken Legs'. We will be using programmable technologies to assemble moving parts.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy, homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday, when we go through the reading element together.

Our P.E days are: Tuesday and Friday.

Please listen to your children read as regularly as you can. This 'reading' includes newspapers, instructions, websites and magazines. Record your child's reading by signing their organiser. The children will be issued with Spelling as part of their homework; please ensure these spellings are practised and recorded in the homework book.

I look forward to speaking you again at the Parent Consultations later in the term; however, if you have any concerns before then please contact me.

Kind regards,
Michael Mullen
Ospreys Teacher