



Whitewater Newsletter - 4th November 2022

It's been a highly productive and purposeful first week back with more variety than the weather. We've welcomed in our cricket coach, a new values garden has been created, we have new Year 5/6 vocal ambassadors, a HUGE Red Kite has been painted as well as all of the usual laughter and learning.

In school...

In contrast to previous newsletters, we are looking forward opposed to reflecting backwards. Instead of sharing what we've been up to in class, we are sharing the Learning Overview for each class for this half term. We hope that these will inform you of what your child will be learning and support you in effectively engaging in conversations at home. Any additional support you can give your child at home is always beneficial to their progress within school. I hope you find them useful. These can also be found on our school website in the 'Class Learning' sections.

Rabbits...

Mathematics

This term is about mastering number. We will compare numbers, embedding the language more than/fewer than. We will continue visiting positional language and shapes in the environment. We will all aim at deepening understanding of numbers as a quantity and representing these numbers.

We will count different objects and will use this skill in our learning environment. We will read amazing books and sing number songs.

Literacy

Phonics Little Wandle Letters and Sounds, we will follow Autumn 2 term planning.

Writing We are using the letter formation guidance from Little Wandle to form our lower case and capital letters. Our target is to write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.

Reading This half term, the texts will be all about pets and rhyming words. We will also continue looking at Non-fiction texts about families and animals.

As part of the routine children will have opportunities to listen to stories and sing songs.

Communication and Language

The children will be given opportunities to take part in circle times, small group discussions where children will be able to practise listening and turn taking skills. We are introducing Helicopter Stories to give children the support they need for their language development.

Personal Social Emotional Development

We are a HeartSmart School! HeartSmart is a creative approach that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. This term our main focus will be on friendships, how to be a good friend. We will be visiting our new school values, 'love, respect, courage', remembering to share these with each other. Rabbit Class will use stories from the Bible to make links and understand better what these values mean.

Expressive Arts and Design

The focus will be on exploring and engaging in music making. Dancing, performing, singing songs and rhymes.

They will continue creating with skills in mind; making art, making props, experimenting with colours and other resources available.

Rabbits – Autumn 2 The Perfect Pet



Understanding the World

This half term the learning will be centred around mapping skills. Looking at our school grounds, exploring our village map, using our construction area to build structures and making maps of these mini villages or grounds.

We will continue exploring changing seasons, weekly Woodland Walk sessions will help us observe how seasons can affect trees and the nature. We will certainly have a great time learning about specialness of Christmas.

Physical Development

Our PE days this term: Wednesday & Friday. This term we are playing team building games and will participate in dance lessons.

The children will enjoy dough disco, while discovering other small tools to improve fine motor skills through the enhanced provision. In the outdoor provision the children will be working on their gross motor skills. They will be digging, pouring, stirring, mixing in the mud kitchen and the sand pit. They will continue climbing, running, jumping using the trampoline, riding scooters and bikes safely.

Otters...

Numeracy

The children will start the term learning about multiplication and division and then follow this with Fractions. We will also learn about shapes, both 2D and 3D. The children will have opportunities to take part in classroom activities to support their learning, relating to the different topics.

English

We will be looking at the story 'Beegu' and using it to create a diary entry based on a day in the life of Beegu. Our activities alongside our writing will be Space related, giving the children opportunities to learn some exciting facts about Space!

Computing

'Digital Imagery' is the focus for our computing unit this term. The children will be learning how to take photos to create a story and how to upload and edit their photos on a computer.

Science

The children will learn what plants need to survive and they will learn the names of some popular plants and trees. They will have the opportunity to grow a seed and make careful observations of the changes that take place.

Geography

Children will explore 'Up, Up and Away' which is our topic this term. We will be learning about where we live in relation to the countries of the UK and the world.

Otters Class: Autumn 2 – Up, Up and Away

PE

In outdoor PE, the pupils will be developing their cricket skills!

In Indoor PE, the pupils will be doing gymnastics.

RE

Children will learn about the concept of 'Angels'. We will explore the significance of Angels and what they mean to us.

PSHE

During our topic 'Don't Forget To Let Love In!', the children will discuss how they can let love into their hearts.

Music

Children will be exploring and responding to long, short sounds and steady beats as part of the 'Cold as Ice' music unit we will follow.

Art and Design

We will be exploring artwork from Jazzberry Blue and Cath Kidston before creating our own pieces of art relating to a 'view from above'.

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In our unit 'Moving Pictures', the children will have the opportunity to create sliding mechanisms to create their own moving picture.

Hedgehogs...

Maths

We will be looking at money, making given amounts in different ways focusing on partitioning and working systematically. The children will be using money in context and answering 2 step word problems before moving onto fractions; Recognising, finding, and writing fractions of a discrete set of objects, comparing and order fractions with the same denominators and counting up and down in fractions.

English

In English, the children will be focusing on their creative writing. The first learning journey will be a setting description focusing on the key skills of using fronted adverbials of time, manner and place along with precise and high-quality word choices. They then will move onto writing a newspaper report about the raid of Lindesfarne. Talk for reading session are allowing the children to focus on skills of inference and prediction, word choice and language along with comprehending and retrieving.

Science

We will be looking at states of matter, devising experiments to test changes in states from melting to freezing and evaporation to condensation. The children will look at water in its three states of matter and explain the water cycle. They will then explore the question: does gas weigh anything?

History

The children will be learning about the Anglo Saxons conversion to Christianity, the Viking raid on Lindesfarne and the timeline of Anglo Saxon kings up to 1066.

Hedgehogs - Autumn 2 Raiders and invaders Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

RE

Children will learn about incarnation and the significance on candlelight in Christianity and other religions.

Computing

The children will journey inside the computer, recognising inputs and outputs and that the computer sends and receives information. Explain that the parts of a laptop work together and the purpose of each part. They will also look to explain what an algorithm is.

PE

In outdoor PE the children will be participating in cricket session put on by Chance to Shine Cricket. Indoor PE the children will be focusing on gymnastics.

PSHE

There will be a focus on the topic: don't forget to let love in. Looking at ways we feel loved and celebrate our strengths and achievements

Music

We will be listening and responding to a wide range of music and creating our own.

Art and Design

The children will be studying the Bayeux tapestry before using textiles to create their own panel of a class tale.

Foreign Languages

The children will be beginning conversations asking how you are and responding before moving onto describing parts of the body.

Foxes...

Reading

We have started this half-term reading 'The House with Chicken Legs' which has surprised us so far. Children have been building their understanding of words and inferencing skills. Following this, we will be exploring how heritage texts have stood the test of time with The Hobbit, The Chronicles of Narnia and The Highway Man.

Writing

Writing is based on 'The Saga of Bjorn'. Children will be generating various writing skills and bringing them together in their own version of this saga. After that, the children will be writing persuasive speeches as Viking leaders encouraging their soldiers to fight fearlessly. In the run up to Christmas, we will write an explanation text, describing how Santa's workshop runs.

Maths

We have started this half-term's learning with multiplication and division problems. Children will be gaining confidence in written methods and interpreting remainders in context. We will then be moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages, converting between these and using them in real-life contexts.

Science

We will be looking at the impact of nutrition, exercise and drugs on our bodies. The children will be discovering the amounts of sugar amongst some of our favourite snacks and designing their own healthy snack. They will learn about the respiratory system and the structure of the heart. In addition to this, they will investigate the affect of exercise on their heart.

History

We are very fortunate to be learning about the Vikings this half-term. The children have already shown much interest in this great topic. We will be using pictorial and anecdotal evidence to gain an understanding of the Vikings and will be considering the reliability of the interpretations in history and discuss why some evidence may be bias. Children will gain confidence in understanding timelines and learn about significant rulers in this era. The children will find out about invasion the Vikings carried out and decide for themselves whether they were in fact raiders or traders, trying to persuade others in a class debate. At the end of term, we will be building our very own longship from card, fabric and dowel!

Foxes - Autumn 2

Were the Vikings always Vicious and Victorious?

Music

We will be learning pitch notation this half-term. Children will be introduced to the stave and various musical notations including crotchets and quavers. They will learn the duration of different notes and create their own written pieces, initially clapping them and then moving to instruments.

RE

Children will learn the two birth narratives for the Christmas story. They will discuss the differences in the interpretations of the Bible.

PSHE

Through Heartsmart, there will be a focus on the topic of 'Don't Forget to Let Love In' in which children will reflect on how people show love to each other. It will encourage them to be grateful to others and recognise that everyone deserves to be loved.

Art and Design

We will create our own Viking Longship picture, focusing on the use of colour and texture. Children will sketch figureheads, create their boat and marble the background. We will bring everything together thinking carefully about our composition.

PE

In outdoor PE the children have started to learn skills needed for cricket. In indoor PE the children will be exploring a dance routine.

Children were bowled over...

On Mondays for this term, we are lucky enough to welcome Coach Tom, from Chance to Shine. Chance to Shine is a national charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. Otters, Hedgehogs and Foxes will take part in fun and engaging cricket lessons as part of their PE curriculum. The first session was hugely successful and enjoyed by the children and staff alike, Well done for all the children who tried their best.

Choir Club and Vocal Ambassadors...



We have been busy rolling out new musical opportunities across school. We are excited to have choir starting on Monday where the children will have the opportunity to learn and perform songs from Scrooge, the musical. The Choir Club is for Key Stage 2 children only, and will run during lunchtime so there is no need to complete any letter or forms to sign up.

To support with choir and in order to enable our young people to get involved in leading singing activities within school, we have appointed 4 vocal ambassadors and 3 reserve ambassadors. These children will have the opportunity to attend 6 training sessions run by Hampshire Music Service and will return to school equipped and ready to set up a singing area which they will build on throughout the year. They will also learn how to teach simple songs and lead singing activities with their peers.

Vocal ambassadors will get the exciting opportunity to perform regularly with

'The Vocal Ambassadors Choir' including at the Primary Prom in June 2023.

Collective Worship – A Year of Listening...

We are developing the children's musical repertoire by introducing 'A year of listening'. Each week will have at least one piece of music ranging from Night on a Bare Mountain by Mussorgsky and Hymn to the Fallen by John Williams to Perfect Day by Lou Reed. The children will have chance to listen to the set pieces both in class and during collective worship times. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop their awareness of a range of different musical genre.



More After School Club fun...

Our after-school childcare runs every day from the end of the school day until 5.45pm (although collection can be any time up to that point). The cost is £12.50 per session including a light meal. We are now running themes on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Tuesdays will include Science Workshop and Thursday are Circus Skills.



The School Website...

Over recent weeks, we have spent lots of time updating our school website so that it reflects our school and shares information relevant and useful. The Our Learning section now includes lots of information about our curriculum, The Whitewater Way and about each subject. In addition, the Class Learning sections include class updates which are also shared in newsletters and learning overviews.

In addition, there is now a section called 'Being a Church School' which shares information about our links to the church, what it means to be a church school, information about our Collective Worship, examples of living our values and much more.

There is also information about safeguarding (including advice for parents about helping your children stay safe online), updated school improvement plans, a new Forest School section and all of the usual information.

I hope you find it useful.

Please make sure you have a look at the key dates and add them to your diary and as always.

Thank you all for your continued support and I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Take care

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Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School

Key Dates

7.11.22	New Entrants Open morning (9.15 am)
14.11.22	Flu immunisation
15.11.22	PTA KS1 Film Night (3.30 pm to 4.45 pm)
18.11.22	BBC Children in Need
22.11.22	Foxes to QMC (am) PTA KS2 Film Night (3.30 pm to 4.45 pm)
1.12.22	PTA Carol Concert (6 pm)
2.12.22	Non-Uniform Day for donations for PTA Hamper Raffle
5.12.22	Rabbits and Otters Christmas Performance (Dress Rehearsal to KS2) Rock Steady Concert
6.12.22	Rabbits and Otters Christmas Performance PM
7.12.22	Rabbits and Otters Christmas Performance PM
9.12.22	PTA Online Hamper Raffle
15.12.22	Christmas service at Rotherwick Church
16.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day and Key Stage 2 Carols on the Playground Christmas dinner
End of Autumn Term	