

Whimble Primary School - Curriculum newsletter



Class: Oak

Year: 3/4

Term: Autumn 2018

English

- **Topic based writing activities-** Writing a letter from a child living life in the First World War. Comparisons of everyday life now, whilst focusing on using adverbs and adjectives to create a descriptive and exciting read.
- To begin reading books from our class voted authors.
- Fiction- To explore stories in familiar settings, with a focus on the engaging Francesca Simon stories. (Horrid Henry)
 - How to use conjunctions and prepositions within our story writing.
- Poetry- Syllabic poems. Children will write some in traditional style about nature. This will also help Oak to continue to use adverbs and adverbials to enhance their writing.
- On-going spelling patterns and rules, along with technical vocabulary linked to topic.
- Suffixes and prefixes.

Maths

- To continue to add 2-digit numbers by partitioning and subtract 2 digit numbers and find change from £1 by counting up using the frog method. (more methods and strategies throughout year 4)
- To sort 2D and 3D shapes.
- Consolidate and improve the accuracy of times tables knowledge and recall, up to 12x12, and corresponding division facts.
- To continue to tell the time with accuracy to five minutes using analogue and digital.
- Revisit and expand understanding of place value in increasingly large numbers and decimals, solve problems using addition and subtraction methods

Science

- To identify the forces acting on objects.
- To investigate how an object with wheels moves over different surfaces, and the strength of magnets.
- To know how to sort magnetic and non-magnetic materials.
- To begin to explore what the magnetic poles are and why they attract and repel.

Art and Design

- WW1- Making Poppies for Remembrance Day.
- Sketching objects- exploring different ways to use our pencils when sketching.
- Improving techniques using colour, line and shape through the artists, Mondrian and Kandinsky.

Computing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3- Logical reasoning. (Robots) • Year 4-To use the internet safely and appropriately. (Myths and Legends) • To learn how to use Word Document, PowerPoint and Excel.
History WW1- A hundred years ago. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the lives of a child during the WW1, with a comparison to our children's lives now. • Rationing • Education • How did Britain change during the War?
Religious Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christianity- Stories from the bible showing the different ways Jesus showed kindness. • When and how we show kindness.
Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin some basic French words and phrases. • Animals, colours, clothing and stationary.
Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition of short musical pieces. • Understanding the different sounds we can make with our instruments. • Ocarina and Drumming.
Physical Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real PE. This is a new scheme of work which will be implemented across the school. It moves away from 'traditional' teaching where a sport would be the focus of the learning. Instead, this concentrates on fundamental movement skills which can then be applies to a variety of contexts.
Personal Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop our class charter. • To work together as a class when reading and during investigations • To help each other when editing and evaluating our work to develop our writing.
Essentials for Learning and Life Clubs- Girls only Club, Football, Dodgeball, Choir. Others- Music lessons Spellings- Monday Homework- Wednesday PE- Tuesday and Thursday

Well done on a fabulous start to the year, Oak class.

Keep working hard, and don't forget you can change your own reading book when you need to. This will make sure you are reading as much as possible.