



Willington Lower School
Spring Term
Acorns



This term's topic is
Wild and Wonderful

English

This term we will be using a range of books including, Where The Wild Things Are, Meerkat Mail, and Roald Dahls Magic Finger. The children will also be creating and writing their own story from an imaginary world. They will also be using non-fiction books to find out information about animals and plants they are studying. They will learn about the features of a non-fiction book such as the contents page, and index.

. Our targets are:

- Formulating good questions.
- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and peers.
- Listen to and evaluate a range of historical stories by different authors.
- Develop oral vocabulary as well as written structure.
- Sentence structure, grammar and handwriting.



History

This term we will be celebrating the schools 150th Anniversary. We will spend a whole week looking at school life 150 years ago and also other aspects of Victorian life.

Geography

We will be studying the world and its continents and countries. We will be looking at the weather and climate and other human and physical features. We will concentrate on the UK, the countries and our local environment, looking at land marks, human and physical through aerial photos, google earth, and maps.

PE

On Friday afternoons we will be doing gymnastic and after half term focusing on field games and athletics. On Wednesdays we will be doing country dancing and team games.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be exploring 'relationships' in the first half term and 'changes' in the second half.

Science

Through our topic, we will be learning about animals this will include fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. (Carnivores, herbivores and omnivores) We will be studying what animals and humans need for basic survival (water food and air) and how the animals, including humans, have offspring and grow into adults. We will be studying the environment near the school woodland, parks etc and identifying the common wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will observe how seeds and bulbs grow and need water, light and in suitable temperature.

Homework

A homework sheet will be sent home every Friday and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday. Sheets will have explanations and have an English, Maths or Topic focus. These should take no longer than 10 minutes, but if there are any problems then please write a note on the sheet or have a chat with me. Spellings will be sent home weekly to practice for tests on Friday.

Reading As always the children will have reading books and diaries. Please read with them as often as you can, just for five minutes, and record this in the diary even if it is just a tick. When your child has finished a book please indicate this and the book will be changed. Remember that sharing other books you have at home or from the library is also a valuable activity.

Computing

The children will be word processing and using 2type to learn basic typing skills. They will also look at IT in the wider context, digital literacy and basic skills on power point presentations and google research. The children will be practicing their skills of logging in to the VLE and their new school network accounts as well as online sites including Espresso and Purple Mash.

Mathematics

The range of objectives covered in numeracy each term is far too broad to list here. The link below will take you to a document which sets out the programmes of study for each year group according to the new curriculum:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335158/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Mathematics_220714.pdf

Any opportunity to do maths at home is beneficial, for example playing games involving numbers, cooking, and when shopping.

Art and Design Technology

During the term we will develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. We will be looking at the different crafts.

We will be observing in detail flowers and leaves and use different mediums to draw nature around the school environment and the children make their own art collection of their own drawings of plants and flowers. We will be using modelling materials to make sculptures of insects and animals. We will also be looking at fur, scales and studying how some animals can use camouflage to hide from danger.

RE

The children will be studying British values as well as developing an understanding of the Islamic faith, who a Muslim is and what they believe in. After half term the children will be looking at why we should care for the earth.

Music

During the term the children will perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of music. They will experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.

