

## **Welcome to The Infant Class Curriculum Letter** **Autumn Term second half 2020**

Teacher: **Miss Panter and Mrs Wittich**

On Tuesdays **Mrs Baker** (Teacher) and **Mr S** (Sports Coach) will also teach the class during PPA time (planning, preparation and assessment time)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy half term! Please find below details of our curriculum for this half term.

**English:** We will be continuing with our writing linked to stories of the Great War. The children are working well in trying to paint with words and write a series of sentences with cohesion. We will also be using our writing around recounts when studying traditional stories.

*Reading:* Children will be reading every day at school and will also take part in guided reading and comprehension activities. **As an important part of your child's home learning, they should be reading at home every day.** You should notice some new book coming home, many of which have useful tips around how to support reading at home. Comments on their reading and comprehension should be recorded every day in the Home School Communication book.

**Thank you for the excellent use of the Home School Communication books so far! Please remember that if your child moves on to their second book, the first must be kept in their book bag as it contains the log in details needed for both home and school.**

*Phonics and Spelling:* Phonics and spellings will be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday. As usual, there will be a mixture of words to learn by heart and rules to apply to words.

**Maths:** In mathematics the children will be continuing to learn strategies involving addition and subtraction. Children will be practising their fast recall of number bonds within 10, 20 and then 100, depending upon their ability. Infant class will also learn to count back, find the difference and find missing parts of calculation. Year two children will add and subtract two digit numbers by crossing and exchanging tens, using number lines and completing column addition and subtraction.

**Times tables and Mathletics activities will be set in the Home School Communication book. Parents are expected to sign the stickers to show completion of tasks.**

**Science:** Infant class will continue to study animals including humans. We will be learning about the basic needs of animals for survival and the best way to look after a pet. After this we will be considering the effects and importance of regular exercise, a healthy diet and keeping clean for our general health.

**Topic (History):** We will be continuing to study changes in the lives of others and why they acted in the way they did.

Please do have a look at our topic overview which gives even more detail.

<https://reed.herts.sch.uk/download/super-heroes-dont-always-wear-capes/>

**Art:** We will continue our textile and clay work to remember the heroes of world wars by creating works of art depicting poppies.

**DT:** Our main DT project this term is Slider and Lever Mechanisms. Linked to our favourite war story of The Little Hen and the Great War, we will be making moving pictures to help tell the story.

**Computing:** In ICT we will be sorting items by different criteria away from the computer. At the computer, we will use Grouping on Purple Mash to sort items. We will then move on to recognising that data can be represented in a picture format. The children will gather data from an experiment and produce pictograms with the results.

**PE:** In PE the children will be developing their skills in invasion games. They will learn how to find spaces to pass and receive a ball. The children will be introduced to game rules and different ways of scoring. The children will understand the need for fair play and good sportsmanship. Please make sure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing and trainers as P.E. will be taught outside on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**PSHE:** Our Jigsaw topic this half term is: Celebrating Difference. This will focus on accepting that everyone is different, including others, knowing how to help someone who is being bullied, using kind words, and giving and receiving compliments.

**RE:** This half term we will discuss how and why Muslims pray in a daily pattern and consider what makes a place holy. We will also be researching religious festivals and trying to answer the question Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

**French:** We will continue to learn simple greetings, questions and answers, colours and numbers to 20.

**Music:** In music this term, the children will use their voices and instruments to explore different genres. They will be listening to and interpreting recorded music learning how to describe how it made them feel and giving reasons why they liked or disliked it.

**It is important that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. This will need to be taken home at the end of the day, washed and refilled.**

**All children should have a pair of wellington boots which can be kept in school in the class boot box outside.**

Do have a look at our class web page to see some of what we have done so far this term!  
<https://reed.herts.sch.uk/classes/infant-class/>

If you need to talk with us at all, please write a message in the Home School Communication book, arrange a meeting, or send an email to [c.panter@reed.herts.sch.uk](mailto:c.panter@reed.herts.sch.uk) or [head@reed.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@reed.herts.sch.uk) Please note that emails may not get a response straight away, and any emails sent in the evenings and over a weekend/holiday may not be answered until the next school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Panter and Mrs Wittich