

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a good break and an enjoyable new year. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and keen to learn. We wanted to share our plans for the next half term in all curriculum areas.

English

In English we will be sharing the story of Farmer Duck. We will be joining in with the repeated phrases, discussing the main characters, writing instructions from the farmer to the animals and re-writing parts of the story.

As part of our non-fiction studies we will also identify and label features of report texts. The class will learn to research a chosen topic, using books and the internet, then take notes to aid report writing.

Maths

In maths we will identify and name 2D and 3D shapes. We will describe each shape's properties by counting how many sides, right angles and lines of symmetry 2D shapes have, and how edges, vertices and faces there are in 3D shapes.

We will be learning how to answer problems using our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division knowledge. The children will continue to use both practical resources and formal recorded methods for each operation.

Science

In Science lessons the children will be studying the parts of a plant and their purpose. They will understand what plants need to survive, the importance of sunlight on leaves to provide nutrition for the plant and will have the opportunity to grow their own plants to discover what happens if a plant is not exposed to sunlight.

Topic

In this half term's topic, the children will learn about some of the world's greatest explorers including Ranulph Fiennes, Amy Johnson and Christopher Columbus. They will have the opportunity to find out what qualities a person needs to become an explorer as well as being immersed in the history and geography relating to each explorer.

PE

Working with our PE Coach, the children will continue to develop their skills in gymnastics. They will be working in groups to produce routines, using their balance and co-ordination skills. The importance of working in a team will continue to be taught and the children will have the opportunity for praising each other's team working skills and refining their techniques.

Music

In music, the children have begun to listen to different examples of ballroom dance music. They are also learning how to waltz with each other. Moving forward the children will be reinforcing their knowledge of different rhythms, note value and musical vocabulary.

PSHE

Using our Jigsaw programme, the children will be learning how to set personal goals, overcome obstacles that arise unexpectedly, being mindful of personal achievements and celebrate their successes. Through this, the children will be learning and understanding how to work well with a partner.

ART/DT

This half term we will be focusing on some of history's greatest artists. We will learn about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers. The children will be encouraged to describe the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines and make links to their own work.

Thank you for your continued support with your children's home learning. We urge you to continue to hear your children read every day and give them opportunities to discuss their learning at home, In addition to class readers, children will also be given a library book to bring home every Tuesday, to be returned the following Tuesday. If you have any questions or concerns, do please speak to us or email us on c.panter@reed.herts.sch.uk or e.kershaw@reed.herts.sch.uk.

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