



Fen Ditton C. P. School



Robins Year 4/5
Spring Term 2017 Link Letter

In the table below you will find information about the topics your child will be covering, in each of the curriculum subjects over the next term.

| Subject | Theme |
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| <p>English</p> | <p>This term we will be writing a range of fiction and nonfiction genres. We will be starting our new topic on Italy so writing this half term will be a persuasive piece on the country and an explanation text on a tool to help in an Italian kitchen.</p> <p>Children will have a guided reading session for one hour a week where we will be working hard on our comprehension skills, particularly focusing on inference.</p> <p>There will be short SPAG sessions daily where children will consolidate their knowledge of grammar and punctuation rules. We will also have spelling sessions during the week and there will be a weekly test of the spellings children bring home.</p> <p>The children have been practising the cursive handwriting style and as well as during weekly handwriting sessions, they should now be applying what they have learnt in their writing across all curriculum areas.</p> |
| <p>Mathematics</p> | <p>This term we will look at the following topics in maths: decimals, percentages, fractions, time and money. In order to ensure children have a deeper understanding of each area, more time is taken over each topic. This enables children to work on not only their fluency but also their reasoning and problem solving skills and gives them opportunities to master the area they are investigating. Children will have opportunities throughout maths lessons to work on their mental strategies and will regularly be given opportunities to discuss methods during Number Talks.</p> <p>Children will be given daily morning maths activities and will be continuing with the Superhero Times Table challenges that began last half term.</p> |
| <p>Science</p> | <p>In science the children will be looking at physical and human geography. Children will be given opportunities to conduct a range of experiments and investigations across the topics. We will continue to work on how we present our findings and draw conclusions about what we have found out.</p> <p>Science/Maths Week will also be happening this term from 13th-17th March.</p> |
| <p>Topic (History and Geography)</p> | <p>This term all of the children's work will be around Italy. We will learn the geography of the country as well as delve into its past. We started the topic this week with our 'WOW' day and the children enjoyed sampling Italian desserts, sharing their projects, making pizzas and having a visit from a special visit.</p> |
| <p>Physical Education</p> | <p>Children will continue to have PE on a Monday and Tuesday this year.</p> <p>One lesson a week will be delivered by Mr Stevens who is a Premier Sports coach and will consist of high fives netball and fitness. The other lesson will be taught by myself and we will be going a gymnastics based team building topic.</p> <p>Please make sure all PE kit is named and includes a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and trousers together with appropriate footwear for indoors and outdoors. Please ensure earrings are taken out and hair bands are provided to tie long hair back.</p> <p>If children have one of the school coloured t-shirts to represent their house, it would be great if they could wear them in PE lessons.</p> |
| <p>Personal Development</p> | <p>Our topics for the first half term in PD will be continuing to develop their Growth Mindsets and</p> |

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| | working on the schools visions and values. We will also hold a whole class circle time each week on a Tuesday. |
| Art and design | Our art and design activities will be linked to Italy. The children will have the opportunity to experiment with different mediums and learn about different Italian artists. |
| Design Technology | Children will be learning this term about famous Italian architects and will be using their work to inspire their own. |
| Computing | This half term Mrs Nicholls will be teaching Computing to the children and they will be given the opportunity to create a quiz based on Italy. |
| Music | Mr Paul will continue to teach music this half term and children will continue to learn how to play the recorder. |
| Languages | The children will continue to have a fortnightly French lesson with a member of staff from the Perse this term. |
| Forest School | Robins will be taking part in forest school next half term. Information regarding this will be sent out shortly. |
| Homework | This will be set every Friday and will consist of the following: Reading as much as possible over the week Spellings English e.g. a writing task or a comprehension activity Mathematics e.g. times tables challenges, activities to improve fluency or linked to what we have been learning in lessons. Optional: one other piece related to any other subject area. Please ensure homework is returned the following Wednesday. |
| Assessment | Reading comprehension and spelling/grammar exercises every half term Maths assessments every half term On-going writing assessment |
| How to support your child at home | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read with them daily or as much as possible, this includes your child reading to you and you reading to them • Complete homework set • Carry out practical activities such as cooking, measuring, counting and using money • Practise telling the time on analogue and digital clocks • Play a range of board games to consolidate themes in taught in different subjects and to develop turn taking and cooperation skills • Use different materials you have around the home to build and create things to stimulate and develop their creativity • Find fun purposes for writing such as keeping diaries of what you do over the weekend, writing shopping lists, post cards, letters to friends and family • Keep up to date with what is happening at school and up and coming events by reading the newsletter and checking the website regularly |

If you wish to discuss any information included in the table above or you have any further questions, please book an appointment to see me.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Hemmingham