

Welcome back, we are just keeping you up to date with a little of what your children will be learning about this term.

SPRING TERM 2012 - Y1W/J Y2R

Miss Westwood Mrs Raitano
Mrs Donnelly Mrs Wilson
Mrs Terry Mrs Kelly

Literacy Much of our literacy work this term will link with our topic, 'Dungeons and Dragons'. We will read lots of stories about castles, dragons and fantasy settings, and the children will use some of these as a focus for their own writing. We will be reading and writing dragon poems, using interesting describing words. Links with other subjects, such as Science and History, will provide contexts for non-fictional writing, including explanations. The children will continue to practise their reading and writing, through independent, group and guided sessions.

Maths. The children will continue to develop their understanding of counting, number facts and calculations. They will name and describe the properties of shapes, use measures and carry out data handling activities.

ICT ICT will be taught through our work in other subjects, making links with our topics in other areas of learning wherever possible. The children will continue to learn how to log-on, open programmes from the menus and use simple word-processing. We will also be looking at data handling and the children will use graphs to collate and retrieve data.

RE

Topics this term are: Celebrations, Thanksgiving, and Self-giving. For more details please see the RE newsletter.

PSHE

During this term the children will be learning the importance of road safety.

History

This term the children will be learning about castles and how the Normans built castles in Britain, some of which are still standing today. They will compare castles to modern buildings and look at the kind of lifestyles that people may have had in the past.

Geography

In Geography the children will be looking at the local area and participating in some fieldwork. They will learn how to read simple maps and understand what various symbols stand for. The children will also have the opportunity to create their own maps by drawing upon their personal experiences.

Science

This term the children will learn about light and dark. They will explore different light sources, make comparisons and observations of changes in light, and develop their scientific investigation skills through planning and carrying out investigations. They will be encouraged to make suggestions, talk about their findings, and give simple explanations.

'Dungeons and Dragons'



PE In our indoor PE sessions the children will develop their skills in using a range of equipment, completing circuits of different activities to improve their coordination and fitness. During our outdoor sessions the children will develop their ball skills, and use these in simple games.

Art

In art the children will be working with a variety of materials to create their own collages. They will be looking at shape, colour and texture as they design their work.

Music

The children will be working with Mr Nixon both singing and using instruments. They will also begin to learn about reading music and playing simple tunes.

Design and Technology

In design and technology the children will be designing and making their own castles and buildings using a range of tools and techniques. They will talk about their work and make simple evaluations.



Some useful websites you might like to use at home with your children to support learning.

<http://www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk>

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/familyreading/parents/resources.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/index.shtml

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/story/sbi.shtml>

Normans - <http://www.chiddingstone.kent.sch.uk/homework/history/index.html>



This is extremely important! Please remember to keep practising reading every night!

We're still looking at fluency and expression, but it is important to ask questions at the end of every book, to check for understanding. Good reading means comprehension of text!! You can never ask too many questions!

It is very important to learn your spellings at home as it will help you with all of your other work.

Important reminder: Jewellery is not to be worn at all in school.

PE Days

PE days for Miss Westwood's class are Monday (Indoor) and Thursday (Outdoor).

PE days for Mrs Raitano's class are Thursday (Outdoor) and Monday (Indoor)

Please ensure kits are in school all week - it's often nice to take advantage if weather is good, so it's helpful if it stays in school. **Many children come to school without a PE kit and it is causing a few problems.**

Kit is strictly: white top and dark shorts or jogging bottoms (when outside).

Homework day is Wednesday. Please complete and hand in by the following Monday at the latest...otherwise no house point!! Spellings go out on a Wednesday of each week to learn for a test which is given on a Monday morning.

DATES

10th February - Break up and reports sent home.

20th February - PDDay

21st February - Back to school

23rd February - Parents Evening

5th April - Break up for Easter for one week.