

PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Curriculum Information

Year 4 Autumn Term 2 2023

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
English	<p>In English, children are studying explanation and instructional texts and using Wallace and Gromit as their stimulus. Later in the half-term, children will be getting into the Christmas spirit as they look at the text, 'A Christmas Carol'. They will be exploring character's feelings/emotions and how they change throughout the story. Children will be creating their own narrative based on the text.</p> <p>Year 4 will develop their understanding of the texts further through reading activities in Whole Class Reading.</p> <p>Spelling Tests will take place on a Tuesday. English homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions. Please help your child to read every night and record on the GoRead App. Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practise at home makes such a difference.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Please encourage your child to explore Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week too.</p>
Phonics	<p>For those children still having Phonics sessions, these will be daily and focus on their individual Phonics phase. Children will be segmenting and blending sounds and encouraged to spell them correctly.</p>	<p>Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Encourage children to segment and blend sounds when reading and practise spelling the words they are given on a weekly basis.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on fractions, geometry, and measures. Children will be applying their skills of addition and subtraction to a range of problems. They will be exploring equivalent fractions, learning about 3D shapes and the different angles. In measures, children will be</p>	<p>It would be helpful if you can support your child in recalling the multiplication tables at home and counting in patterns of 4, 6, 7 and 8. Please use TTRockstars to help your child with quick recall of timestable facts: Times Tables Rock Stars - Times Tables Rock Stars (trockstars.com)</p>



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	<p>learning how to read and tell the time from an analogue and digital clock.</p> <p>Children will have timetable activities three times a week in lessons - this will include a test.</p> <p>Maths homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p><u>Online learning</u> Your child can explore MyMaths, TopMarks and Supermovers on the link below: https://www.mymaths.co.uk/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topic this half term is called Burps, Bottoms and Bile. It is a Science driven topic.</p> <p>Children will be learning about the structure of a tooth, the names of the different types of teeth and the digestive system.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to think about healthy diets and how they can take care of their teeth on a regular basis.</p> <p>Think about the impact that food has on digestion and the human body.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Check out this BBC Learning website all about teeth: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z27knq8/articles/zsp76yc</p>
History	<p>The children's topic this term is called Pharaohs. In History, children will be learning about Tutankhamun's tomb, the pharaohs, and ancient Egyptian Gods. They will be comparing the lives of the people that lived in ancient Egypt.</p>	<p>Explore ancient Egyptian civilisation through books and the Internet.</p> <p><u>Online learning:</u> Find out more about ancient Egypt: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb</p>
Geography	<p>As part of their topic, Pharaohs, children will locate Egypt on a world map. Use online maps and other information sources to describe Egypt's landscape, surrounding countries and seas, climate, and significant geographical features, such as the River Nile. Children will learn why the River Nile was so important to the development of ancient Egyptian society and its wealth.</p>	<p>Find out facts about Egypt: https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/egypt</p>
Art & Design	<p>Children's Art and Design topic is called Warp and Weft. Children will learn about the artform of weaving and how it has developed over time, including the materials and techniques required to create woven patterns and products.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to look at different materials and patterns.</p>
Design and Technology	<p>Not taught this half term</p>	



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Computing	<p>The children will be taught about online safety this half term. The children will know that information put online leaves a digital footprint or trail and can expand on prior years' scope of this fact. The children will learn about appropriate behaviour when participating or contributing to collaborative online projects for learning.</p>	<p>Please ensure your child is only accessing age-appropriate content online - this includes used of streaming such as NetFlix.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Coding activities to complete at home based on last half terms prior learning can be found on Purple Mash.</p>
PE	<p>In PE, children will be learning the skills for Break Dance. They will be performing dances using a range of movements, comparing performances with previous ones. In Outdoor Games, children will be learning the rules for Basketball and learning how to dribble and shoot.</p> <p>Outdoor PE day - Thursday (weather permitting) Indoor PE day - Tuesday</p>	<p>You can support your child by practising throwing/catching balls.</p> <p>Please make sure your child has full P.E kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back. <p>For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.</p>
Swimming	<p>Children will continue to develop their stroke techniques this will now include butterfly. Circuit swimming will be introduced to improve stamina. There will be a focus on improving skills such as underwater swimming, push and glides, floating in various ways and sculling. Relay racing will be incorporated in a fun way to promote working well within a team and good sportsmanship, this will also be demonstrated when playing mini water polo before the Christmas Holiday.</p> <p>Swimming day - Monday</p>	<p>Please remember all children will need to bring a bag with their swimming costume/trunk, swimming hat and towel.</p> <p>For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.</p>
RE	<p>In Religious Education, children will consider what it would be like to be a Hindu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will be learning about the religious celebration of Diwali, exploring religious artefacts and what they mean to Hindus and they will be learning about the Trimurti. 	<p>It is important that children are taught about tolerance and respect the beliefs of others.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Find out more about Hinduism: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/zmpp92p</p>



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PSHE	<p>This half term, children will be studying the topic 'Getting On and Falling Out'.</p> <p>They will be working collaboratively with their peers and explore team building skills, they will give and receive compliments, understand what happens when we 'fall out' with others and how to make amends.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child any worries or concerns that they have about their friendships in school.</p> <p>Encourage your child to show respect and resilience at home.</p> <p>Talk to them about the discussions they have had in class assemblies.</p>
Music	<p>Children will be listening and playing to the music of ABBA; playing tuned percussion; playing as part of an ensemble.</p> <p>Children have Steel Pans lessons on a Wednesday.</p>	<p>Please encourage children to listen and explore ABBA music!</p>
German	<p>The children will be learning about food and how to say their likes and dislikes. They will ask and answer questions by working with a partner and will follow a short familiar text, listening and reading at the same time.</p>	<p>Ask your child to tell you about their favourite foods in German!</p>
Visits and Visitors	<p>Steel Pans every Wednesday 21/11/23 and 22/11/23 - Photographer (individual and sibling)</p>	<p>Please encourage your child to share their experiences at school with you at home.</p>
Curriculum Days	<p>Curriculum Day is on 20.12.23</p>	<p>Further information will be shared with parents/carers.</p>