



Primary 5 Term Ahead: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school after what I hope was an enjoyable summer break. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Below are details of what the children will be learning over this term as well as some useful information for the term ahead.

Literacy and English

In reading, we will be focusing on the following skills:

- Choosing and picking appealing books using '**I PICK**'
 - **I** choose a book
 - **P**urpose: Why do I want to read it?
 - **I**nterest: Does it interest me?
 - **C**omprehend: Am I understanding what I'm reading?
 - **K**now: I know most of the words.
- Skimming and scanning,
- Reading with fluency,
- Using dictionary and thesaurus,
- Using iPads to identify words and source information.

In writing, we will focus on description using adjectives, adverbs, paragraphing, character and setting.

Grammar and punctuation will be apostrophes with contractions, commas in a list and in clauses, adverbs and adjectives.

Spelling will concentrate on the patterns tch, wh, wa, qu and silent letters.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Throughout the year we will be using White Rose Maths to support our numeracy and maths lessons.

In numeracy, we will be focusing on estimating and rounding.

In maths, we will be focusing on:

Time

- o'clock, half past
- quarter past and quarter to
- time to nearest 5 minutes and minute
- time intervals
- Reading time tables
- 24h time

Data

Understanding, explain and using:

- Carroll diagrams
- Bar Graphs
- Tables
- Time tables
- Venn diagrams
- Frequency tables

Learning Across the Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. We will explore the themes in the book through our reading, writing, art and outdoor learning.

Having achieved our Bronze and Silver RSPB Wild Bird Challenge award, we will be working towards our Gold award.

Health and Well-Being will focus on developing positive relationships. We will also develop an understanding of the human body and learning how to maintain health. We will look at food and health with a view to understanding the importance of cleanliness, hygiene and safety when preparing food.

Administration

P.E: will take place on Mondays, with the PE specialist. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately so they get the full benefit of the lessons.

Homework: Please take a look at our Home Learning Wall for some ideas and activities to complete at home which support the learning that takes place in school. These are optional activities which will help to consolidate the classroom learning.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Thomson
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