

Newdigate Infant C of E school curriculum information for parents - Spring term 2018

English

We start this half-term by writing a Christmas holiday recount. We will be using our new topic as a stimulus for some fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing. We are focusing on various poems by different authors.

We will continue our weekly focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation. The children will also be offered opportunities to perform poetry and take part in drama activities.

In Guided Reading sessions, the children will be given opportunities to use inference and prediction skills.

Maths

We will be focusing on multiplication and division this half term as well as fractions and shape, space and measure. We will spend an increasing amount of time on problem solving activities and how to approach these. We will also be revising number facts up to 20 and then up to 50. We will then extend this to 100. We will continue to practise the 2, 5 and 10x tables and will increasingly focus on the 3x tables. Later on in the term, we will focus on position and direction and on using all four operations to solve money, measure and time problems.

The children will have opportunities to practise some 'mental maths' skills and they will continue to participate in daily mental maths activities.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about taking care of our teeth! We will be focusing on why we need teeth, good oral hygiene, food fit for teeth and carrying out experiments to see what happens to our teeth when we drink.

Later on, we will be learning about plants and their habitats and how animals need plants for survival. We will also be learning about living and non living things.

Computing

E-safety: The children will continue to learn how to stay safe online in our **e-safety week** including 'Safer internet Day' 2018 on Tuesday 6th February with the theme 'Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you.' will be learning about using technology safely and respectfully and how to keep personal information private. They will learn about where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online material. The children will then create posters to show their understanding.

Data Handling: The children will collate data and then create their own graphs on the computer, analysing their data.

P.E

This term we are lucky to have Premier Sports working alongside us to deliver netball sessions across the school for the first half term and then football after the half term break. Children will also be given regular 'physical' rest and rejuvenation breaks throughout the week as well as participating in outdoor learning.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is '**Out of the Egg-Walk on the Wild Side.**' As usual we will link as much of our learning as possible to our topic and we are expecting a lot of dinosaur experts/scientists/palaeontologists to emerge and help us on our way. In our stunning start we discovered some mysterious footprints that led us to a nest of 3 very large eggs and have taken them to our classes to look after them and find out what happens! We think we heard roars and are still finding other evidence of dinosaur life! We are hoping that with the right care and attention they will hatch and we could possibly have some dinosaur visitors at the end of this half-term. If we think there is a possibility of discovering dinosaur bones we will have to start a 'Dino Dig' in the grounds and who knows what else we will unearth!

After half-term (our '**marvellous middle**') we will be hatching another species from an egg and will once again be able to observe the miracle of life as chicks hatch and grow. We are really hoping that we can keep some of these and have our very own Newdigate school chickens but will need a dedicated and hard working group to help us build a coup and make sure we are able to look after them properly. Music and drama lessons will be taught by Mrs Rennles who will be focusing on physical theatre and dinosaur themed movement and stories. In music, the children will be learning about different genres (i.e. classical, theatre and modern) and exploring the emotions and feelings that music evokes.

We will also be practising our Spring and Easter songs in hymn practice in preparation for the Church Service later on in the term.

Year 2



OUT OF THE EGG (WALK ON THE WILD SIDE)

'MOLES' - Learning outside the classroom

Our focus this term is to develop outside learning through our '**Welly Wednesdays**' when **the whole school** children will be spending the afternoon outdoors exploring a range of topic led activities ('Dino-Dig', 'Dino Den', Spring-chick-watch, Dino-Art) well as developing forest school skills and learning new orienteering skills. More information about the practical details will follow soon.

PSHCE

In PSHCE We will also be learning more about dementia, focussing on changes that happen when people grow old and how we can look after family and friends that are unwell, including those with **dementia**. Finally we will be introducing the idea of using the resource '*How fast does your engine run?*' to learn strategies to make sure we are at a 'just right' place to learn.



R.E.

Our value this half-term is '**Trust**', followed by '**Thankfulness**' after half term. Please try to find the time to discuss these values with your child.

In R.E. we will be questioning 'why did Jesus tell Parables?' and what we can learn from some of these parables. We will also use our enquiry skills to look at the question 'Is Easter happy or sad?' On Thursday 23rd March we will immerse ourselves in a Pause Day, 'Witnesses.' Here the children will learn through different activities, including drama, that there were many witnesses who saw Jesus alive after his death.