

Newdigate Infant CofE school curriculum information for parents - Summer term 2018

English

We will be using our new topic as a stimulus for some fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing alongside drama.

We will start by looking at some traditional nursery rhymes, including performance poetry and we will be writing our own riddles.

We will be reading fictional stories from around the world each week, including Handa's Surprise.

Our non-fiction work will take us to France and Japan, although this could change, depending on the children's own interests and experiences.

We will also be exploring the Polar regions and finding out more about the animals that live there.

Throughout the term we will continue our weekly focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Maths

This half term we are continuing to work on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and linking this with multiplication and division and the language surrounding this. We will use this learning to introduce fractions using practical resources. Towards the end of the first half term we will be focusing on position and direction, and revising the appropriate language.

In the second half of the term, we will be revisiting our learning on place value, this time exploring numbers up to 100. We will end the term with consolidating our learning in the context of money, and will finish with learning about half hour and hours in time, along with exploring the language associated with the calendar and the clock.

Science and Technology

In Science this term we will be investigating 'What is a plant?' starting with looking at how different seeds grow into different plants. Taking our learning outside, we will be identifying and describing plants that grow around our school, including naming the different parts of a plant and exploring the role of roots. We will be sowing seeds in the classroom and looking at what a plant needs to grow, before transferring them to our own Year 1 garden.

As we continue to explore countries 'Around the world' we will investigate the question 'Why does my fruit come from different places?' including where fruit grows and how it is transported. At the end of the term we will be finding out about Summer.

Computing

This term we will be looking at programming instructions. We will start by using instructions on the computer and solving simple tasks by programming instructions. We will then explore programming floor robots to complete tasks. We will end the term with exploring the term "debugging" and looking at how to correct mistakes in simple programs so that they run correctly.

P.E

This term we are lucky to have Premier Sports returning to run sessions across the school. This half term the focus is on running, jumping and throwing in Athletics.

We will also be preparing for Sports Day later on in the term so will be practising key skills to help us shine on the day!

In addition to this, we continue to offer children regular physical rest breaks with our new 'Jump start Johnny' dances, chillouts and mindfulness activities. Yoga continues to be a focus through the term.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is **Around the world** and will learn about and celebrate life in Newdigate village (going for a walk in Newdigate and making a model village!) and thinking of the world as a 'global village', celebrating cultures and diversity. We will also spend some time thinking about how our homes have changed over the years.

Throughout the term we will be looking at countries from around the world, exploring stories, poems, food and dances from each continent.

As usual we link as much of our learning as possible to our topic and the children are offered opportunities to explore their own ideas.

Our **fabulous finish** will include a **'World celebration'** where we invite any community member with a connection to another country to share music, songs, books, food, dances and anything else you would like to share with the school.

If you have any connection to another country and you would like to share your experiences, please contact your class teacher!

The whole school will be taking part in 'Take one picture'. This is a theme that the National gallery encourages schools to participate in. We are running our own version of this scheme. Each child will be given an opportunity to create their own version and interpretation of one picture by a Caribbean artist.

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'Around the World'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtYjUv2x65g>

Design Technology

In the first half term, we will be linking DT with our Science curriculum – 'plants' by creating our own fruit salads. In the second half term we will use our learning in RE to inspire our own building of churches from around the world, before our end of term discovery of food from around the world.

MOLES

'Welly Wednesdays' were a great success, we have one more session to squeeze in. Outdoor education remains a priority for the school. We will be continuing to enjoy the outdoor spaces in our school on a regular basis, particularly as the weather improves. Classes will be encouraged to set-up and look after their own outdoor spaces and we will make use of the gardening areas including the sensory garden and orchard.

R.E/PSHCE

Our values this term are **'FORGIVENESS'** and **'HOPE'**. Please try to find the time to discuss these values with your child. We will be thinking about having a forgiving heart and how important hope is in our lives.

In PSHE we will be exploring emotional resilience by looking more at perseverance and using a 'growth mind-set', this means believing that we can rise to a challenge if we are prepared to have a go and not be afraid to take risks or make mistakes, and we will learn to understand the feelings that go along with this. We will also be teaching the children road safety awareness and be taking part in 'Beep, Beep Day' on 27th June.

In R.E. we will be looking at Judaism, including the Torah and Shabbat. At the end of the term we will be linking our learning with DT to explore churches around the world.