

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

English

We start this half-term by creating some descriptive writing linked to our topic. We will be looking at pictures of Newdigate for this. We will then have a short unit on senses poetry, linked to our visit to Wisley. We will be using these poems to display in a class book. We will also be using our new topic as a stimulus for some fiction and non-fiction writing. We continue to have a focus on grammar and spelling every week as well as dictations to secure Year 2 spellings and common exception words.

Maths

This term, we will begin by focusing on problem solving using all four operations and also include shape, measure and position problems. The children will be learning to break down many problems using our **RUCSAC** method (**read, underline, calculation, solve, answer and check.**)
After the SATS, the children will be consolidating any areas that they have found most challenging and we will be supporting the children in 'closing the gap' if there are any misconceptions. The children will also take part in guided investigations to deepen and apply their understanding of concepts learnt so far.
We will also continue to focus on the 2, 5, 10 and 3x tables. The children will have regular opportunities to practise their 'mental maths' skills.

Science

In Science this term, we will be focusing on plants and materials. Our Wisley trip, will give us a chance to see and learn about a variety of plants as well as plant one of our own! Later on, we will be learning about what type of plants grow in our local area, how to use observation skills to comment on what we notice and also carry out an experiment where we predict and observe how seeds grow under different conditions.
When we look at materials, we will be thinking about how to design a seed protector to keep the birds from eating all the seeds!
After half term we will be looking at food chains, wildlife and the local habitats as well as looking at things that are living, not living and never lived!

Computing

We will be This term we will be looking at coding and algorithms. We will explore coding programs and design our own codes to create and debug programs. We will end the term by continuing to use technology to create, manipulate and store our work by exploring photo-story packages.

P.E

This term we are lucky to have Premier Sports returning to run sessions across the school. This term the focus is on net and wall games as well as athletics.
We will be taking part in Cricket sessions on the Brocus on Thursday afternoons. After the half term break, the children will be participating in Swimming lessons.
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.

Year 2

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'Around the World'



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

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.

Creative Curriculum

We will be practising our Summer songs and hymns in hymn practice and will be learning a 'song from around the world'.
In class, we also use our 'Music Express' scheme of work.
In Art and DT, we will be focusing on creating our own versions of St Peter's Church, linked to our R.E topic – 'What is a Church' and also making food that relates to a continent we are learning about.

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.

Creative Curriculum cont'd

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 think of the world as a 'global village', celebrating cultures and diversity.
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.

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 R.E this term, we will be learning about
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 this term, we will be learning Islam and after the half term break, we will focus on 'What is a Church'.