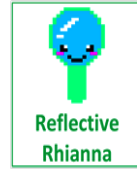




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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Thistle
Term: Autumn 2

English:

In English, children in Thistle Class will be reading *The Dot*, *They All Saw a Cat*, and *The Elephant*. Children will be using these as inspiration to write their own stories, poems and information pieces. Building on our knowledge of nouns, verbs and adjectives, we will learn to use adverbs to add increased detail to our descriptions.

Maths:

This half-term in Maths, Thistle Class will be developing addition and subtraction skills. Year 1 will be comparing numbers and quantities, while Year 2 will develop effective techniques to fluently add and subtract. Children will continue to learn about number and value, and children in Year 2 will be introduced to multiplication.

Science

In Science this term, we are looking at everyday materials. We will identify different types of materials, the benefits and practical functions of each individual material, and learning how we can adapt different materials to suit a particular purpose. Children will also learn how certain materials can be manipulated to change its properties.

History:

The Gunpowder Plot is our focus for History this term, as we look at the life of Guy Fawkes and his attempt to blow up Parliament. We will learn about the religious reasons behind the plot, understand what life was like during the reign of King James, and relate this to modern celebrations of bonfire night.

Religious Education:

We will be learning about the importance of the Christmas story for Christians in RE this term. We will find out about the importance of the Bible, retell the nativity story, and be able to explain why it is significant for Christians. We will also learn how modern Christians celebrate Christmas around the world, and different church services and events around Christmas.

PSHE:

Building on our learning from last term, where we identified people in our lives who could support us, this term we will be discussing the importance of family and friends, and learning how we can develop our relationships. Children will develop strategies for building and maintaining friendships, and find solutions for when things are difficult.

DT:

Thistle Class will be looking at stable structures in DT, linking our knowledge of materials in Science to practical skills – including designing, building and making appropriate material choices. Children will work to a design plan to create an appealing and effective end product that is, above all else, stable!

PE:

As with last term, Children will be working with a sports coach on Mondays, to develop their skills controlling, striking, catching and throwing balls in various games. On a Friday, we will continue with gymnastics, to create a series of movements linked with jumps and balances.

Music:

In the run-up to Christmas and our family sing-along, Thistle Class' focus for Music this half-term is Christmas songs! Further practicing our favourite Christmas tunes, we will learn lyrics and tunes to sing beautifully.

Computing:

In computing, we will be creating digital art using paint software on computers. Children will develop their existing skills to be able to use freehand, shape and line tools to recreate the work of famous artists on the computer.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

What was the Gunpowder Plot and how do we celebrate it?

Why are some materials more suitable than others?

Why is Christmas important to Christians?

Which materials make a stable structure?

How can we use computers to paint?

How do we build and maintain friendships?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: Material, Features, Characteristics, Purpose, Manipulate.

History: Gunpowder, Treason, Conspirators, Persecution, Protestants and Catholics.

RE: Old Testament, New Testament, Nativity, Advent, Worship.

PSHE: Friendships, Relationships, Boundaries, Compliments, Peaceful Problem Solving.

DT: Design, Stability, Adapt, Properties, Suitability.

Computing: Software, Program, Tool, Freehand, Fill.

Other Information:

Outdoor PE (games) is on a Monday afternoon. Indoor PE (gym) is on a Friday afternoon. Children can wear PE kits to school on these days – please ensure they are wearing appropriate clothing for the activities.

For our DT project, we will be creating a stable structure made out of cardboard. If you have any spare cardboard boxes (not much larger than a shoebox) and it would otherwise end up in the recycling bin, please donate them to the school so that we can use them for our structures.

As always, continue to read widely and access Spelling Shed and Numbots at home.