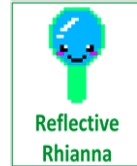




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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Thistle
Term: Summer 1

English:

In English, children in Thistle Class will be reading *The Journey*, by Frann Preston-Gannon, and *Paddington Bear* by Michael Bond. This reading will support our written focus, which this term includes diary entries, instructional writing and recounts.

Maths:

In Maths, children in Year 1 are continuing to develop their understanding of number to twenty, and applying their knowledge of number to 10 to answer arithmetic questions that include 'teen' numbers. Meanwhile, children in Year 2 will be focusing on division and fractions, developing strategies and skills to divide and multiply accurately and efficiently.

Science

We are focusing on Plants in Science this half-term (which will include growing plants of different varieties in school). We will learn what the needs of plants are, be able to identify significant parts of the plant, and learn how plants grow from seeds or bulbs. We will also be reinforcing our understanding of deciduous and evergreen trees.

Geography:

In Geography this term, our focus is on Maps and Globes, as children begin to develop a spatial sense of the world around them. Starting with small maps of buildings and sites, children will learn about the points on a compass, how to plan a route, and how to identify symbols and features on local maps. We will also look in detail at world maps and globes, to find out what information they can tell us about the world.

Religious Education:

This half-term, our focus for Religious Education is Christianity and how Christian families express their faith. We will be learning about significant events in the Christian calendar; how Christians in the UK might typically worship, and learn about the important role the church has to those of the Christian faith.

PSHE:

This term, our studies in PSHE will help us to understand what it means to live a healthy lifestyle. We will strengthen our knowledge of healthy eating by analysing the Eatwell Guide, and plan a balanced lifestyle which includes regular exercise and activity.

Art:

In Art, children in Thistle Class will be looking at the importance and uses of three key concepts of art: colour, shape and texture. Children will look at the work of famous artists such as Matisse, Durer and Jan van Eyck to see these concepts used by the masters, and use them in recreations and our own inspired pieces.

PE:

With Sports Day at the end of Summer 1, the focus in PE for Thistle Class is athletics. Working with the Premier Sports coach on Monday afternoons, children will be developing their skills in sprint events. On a Friday, children will be practising distance running and overarm throwing.

Music:

Our focus for Music this term is finding and maintaining the pulse/beat of a song. We will learn techniques for identifying the 'musical heartbeat' of the songs we are listening to, and practice matching it rhythmically through actions, words and instruments.

Computing:

In Computing, children will be making digital music. This will include understanding how to create a rhythm using technology, learning how to change pitch, and creating a piece of music using repeating, digital patterns.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

How do plants grow from seeds and bulbs?

How can we use maps to plan and navigate a route?

What does worship look like in Christian households?

Why is it important to eat healthily and exercise regularly?

What is the purpose of colour, shape and texture in art compositions?

How are sprint and distance running events different?

How do we find a beat in a song?

How can we use computers to create a piece of music?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: Root, Stem, Germinate, Seed, Bulb.

Geography: Navigate, Location, Direction, Scale, Symbol, Ordnance Survey.

RE: Worship, Faith, Practice, Missionary, Services.

PSHE: Hygiene, Active, Balanced Diet, Portion, Eatwell Guide.

Art: Primary Colour, Secondary Colour, Geometric, Organic, Texture, Composition.

Music: Beat, Pulse, Rhythm, Peace, Responsibility.

PE: Sprint, Dash, Overarm, Long Distance, Pace.

Computing: Rhythm, Pitch, Pattern, Note, Sequence.

Other Information:

SATs Week:

Year 2 SATs Week is the week commencing 15th May. Children will sit 2 Maths papers, 2 reading papers, a spelling and a grammar paper. Please ensure your children are well rested and ready for their assessments this week – and keep accessing the home learning offer for further support: Spelling Shed, Numbots, Rockstars, daily reading.

School Trip:

On Thursday 4th May, Thistle Class have a school trip to St Ives to take a trip on the Ladybird Boat and explore the Holt Island Nature Reserve. A letter with more information has been shared about this event.

Swimming:

Swimming – please see separate letter regarding Thistle's swimming day coming soon.

Sports Day:

Thursday 25th May is Sports Day. Please ensure your child is dressed for outdoor sports and brings a water bottle to school on this day.