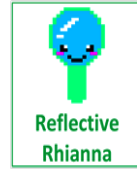




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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Thistle
Term: Summer 2

English:

In English, children in Thistle Class will be reading *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket, and use creative writing to describe settings (including writing about all our senses). We will also be reading *A House That Once Was*, and use this as inspiration to develop our persuasive writing.

Maths:

In Maths, children in Year 1 are consolidating their understanding of place value and applying it to money. They will also learn about time, measure and direction. Meanwhile, children in Year 2 will be developing their calculation skills when working with 2-digit numbers, before looking at time, money and measure.

Science

Our Science unit this term is 'Living Things and Their Environments' and it will encourage children to observe and make connections to the wildlife around them. Children will learn what habitats and micro-habitats are, learn why (and how) some animals have adapted to suit their habitats, and discover how different animals and plants connect to create a food chain.

History:

In History this term, our focus is 'The Tudors'. Children will learn how to use historical sources and evidence from the past to form judgements on what life was like for people in different eras. They will discover the fascinating lives of the Kings and Queens of the Tudor period, and the impact they had on religion and politics in our country.

Religious Education:

We will be continuing our learning on Christianity in RE, and looking at how Christians celebrate their faith in our locality. We will also be considering how Christians celebrate differently to people of other religions.

PSHE:

Our studies in PSHE this half-term concern RSE (Relationship and Sex Education). At KS1, children will learn how babies grow to become children and adults, and the physical changes that occur throughout life. They will also understand the needs of babies and children, and changes in responsibilities as we grow.

Art:

In Art, children in Thistle Class will be studying and creating 'Portraits and Self-Portraits', including observing some of the great masterpieces of Portrait artwork, and replicating these techniques in our own self-portraits. Children will look at artists including Picasso, Da Vinci, Rembrandt, and Van Gogh, and learn how to mix paints to create different tones, shades and tints.

PE:

The focus for children working with the Premier Sports Coach on a Monday will be games this term, looking at developing agility, balance and coordination. On a Friday, children will taking part in OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) in order to develop practical team-work skills and work collaboratively to solve problems.

Music:

Our theme for Music this term is how music can develop relationships with others – we will be considering how songs are composed, what feelings and emotions they can generate, and how we can use songs to make friends.

Computing:

In Computing, children will be creating algorithms to program simple robots. Children will learn to give simple and precise instructions, program a floor mat robot to move around a desired path, and break down large programming tasks into manageable algorithms.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

What historical sources can we use to learn about Tudor times?
How have some animals adapted to suit their environments?
How do we change as we grow into adults?
How do artists draw pictures of themselves?
Why is it important to work collaboratively to solve problems?
How can music help develop relationships?
Why is it important to give robots simple and precise instructions?
Do all Christians celebrate their faith in the same way?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

Science: Inanimate; Environment; Habitat; Microhabitat; Food Chain.

History: Peasant; Heir; Protestant; Catholic; Reformation.

RE: Worship; Faith; Beliefs; Celebration.

PSHE: Family; Responsibility; Growth; Changes; Relationships.

Art: Portrait; Self-portrait; Tone; Shade; Tint; Cubism.

Music: Beat; Pulse; Rhythm; Relationships; Emotions.

PE: Teamwork; Cooperative; Collaborative; Strategies; Solutions.

Computing: Algorithm; Debug; Programming; Instructions.

Other Information:

Phonics Screening Check:

The PSC will be taking place week commencing 12th June. You can continue to support your child with phonics at home by accessing the videos and resources available on the Phonics tab of the Earith Primary School website.

FOES Bake Sale:

Thistle Class bake sale is scheduled for Friday 30th June. Please consider sending your child in with some baked goods/sweet treats to help raise funds for FOES.

Swimming:

Swimming continues this term – our designated pool day is still Thursday but please read original letter for any deviations to this. Please ensure that your child brings swimming clothes and a towel to school on the allocated days.