

## Foundation Subjects

**Art & Design**– The children will be focussing on the work of Picasso. They will look closely at his portraits and use a range of media and techniques to create their own. They will also look at the use of colour to express different moods.

**History** – The children will be learning about Florence Nightingale and why she was famous. They will be looking at the differences between nurses in the past and nurses in the present day.

**Geography** – The children will be naming and locating the seven continents and five oceans of the world and learning about the similarities and differences between the UK and areas of Antarctica.

**RE** – How can we make good choices? The children will be discussing rules and why we have them. They will also be learning about the ten commandments.

**DT** - The children will be learning about a range of textile techniques, allowing them to create a collaborative wall hanging.

**Computing** – The children will be leaning about technology and digital media, looking at devices that can record photographs and video. They will be learning how to record sound.

**Music** – The children will be exploring the sources of different sounds. They will also be learning how to play percussion instruments in different ways.

**You can help your child by talking to them about the work they are doing and supporting home-school work**

## Enrichment

The 7<sup>th</sup> October is National Poetry Day. To celebrate, we have local poet, Craig Bradley coming into school to perform some of his poems and to talk to the children about his work.

## English

The children will begin this term by reading a range of stories and discussing them. We will be discussing story plots and the characters and their feelings.

The children will be working on their sentence structure, orally rehearsing sentences and using their phonic knowledge to sound talk unfamiliar words before writing them. We will also be focussing on punctuating sentence correctly using capital letters and full stops, before introducing other punctuation marks such as question marks and exclamation marks. The children will have the opportunity to write a range of genres including narratives, letters and non-fiction texts.

**You can help your child by practising letter formation, ensuring that letters are written in the correct orientation.**

# Autumn Term

Year 1 and 2

# Wild Thing

Our vision is ...

*A community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child*

## Science

Animals including humans. The children will be learning about different animal groups; **mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish**. They will be grouping them and discussing their characteristics, including their structure.

**You can help your child by exploring and talking about different animals and discussing the group the animal belongs to.**

## Maths

This term the children will be working on place value – counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 100. They will also work on the addition and subtraction of these numbers.

The children will be learning about 2D and 3D shape. They will be naming them and describing their properties using subject specific language.

This term we will also be working on length and height and will be using the language of metres and centimetres.

**You can help your child by practising counting forwards and backwards and by practising forming numbers correctly, particularly when writing 2-digit numbers.**

## The Notice Board

- **Each week the children will have an outdoor games lesson. Please can you ensure that children have a PE kit in school, including a change of footwear suitable for the outdoors (trainers/ pumps).**

### PE days:

**3S** – Wednesday

**3T** – Wednesday

**3RA** - Friday

- Please can we ask that **ALL** items of clothing (including PE kit) are clearly named.
- On **Thursdays** the children will be bringing home their homework books and a book bag containing a reading book to share at home.
  - Please can book bags be returned on **Tuesday** so that books can be changed.
  - Homework books should be returned by **Wednesday**.

## Dates for your diary

**Parents' Evening** - w/c 1<sup>st</sup> November – Further details will be sent via PING.

**End of half-term – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021** (We are NOT in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October).