



Parent/School Termly Information

Class: Emerald WA and Emerald ML Term: Autumn 1

This term's topic is Keeping Healthy
*The main subject focus is **Science***

General Information

P.E

Our regular P.E days are Monday and Thursday. In addition to the standard PE kit (shorts, T-shirt and trainers/plimsolls) please also send into school a winter P.E kit (jogging bottoms and a jumper) so that we can go outside for P.E for as often as possible.

We advise that children do not wear earrings to school on PE days unless they can remove them themselves as they will not be able to participate if they are wearing them.

Water Bottles & Fruit Snack

Children may bring a fruit snack for break time and a bottle of water that they can use throughout the day. (Children may bring a drink of squash for their packed lunch box but must only have water in the classroom or on the playground.)

Homework

Reading books:

*All children have been issued with a reading book and a reading record. Please listen to your child read every day for a minimum of 10-15 mins. We ask that you sign the reading record and make a note of the pages read or discussions that you had about the book. Children should bring their books into school every day. **We cannot stress enough the importance of daily reading with your child.** Reading opens up a world of language and opportunities that is not rivalled by any other activity. It has even been proven that the very act of reading makes people more intelligent!*

Other:

*Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and must be returned to school by the **Thursday** of the following week. The children can bring it back to school earlier if they have finished it.*

Spellings:

*Each **Friday**, your children will bring home spellings that they have been learning in school. Please help them to revise these in preparation for weekly spelling tests (**each Thursday**).*

*** We are aware that everyone's lives are busy and as parents we often feel we rush from activity to activity and so we have tried to keep our expectations clear and simple.*

Curriculum Targets

Children will continue to have personalised targets to support them in their learning.

English: Children to use their individual writing target.

Maths: Children will continue to develop their mental maths skills through their 'Numeracy Maths Passport' sessions. Their target will be to complete their passport. When the children have completed Asia, they will get a certificate in assembly and move onto Times Tables Rockstars.

Curriculum Subjects

Main areas to be covered

English

This term we will be reading texts linked to our Keeping healthy topic. We have an hour English lesson every day and focus will be on reading, writing and grammar. Children will be writing narrative texts, instructions and letters inspired by the texts they have read. In addition to this we will focus on handwriting skills beginning with letter formation and later moving onto the diagonal join.

For children that need additional phonics support we will be running a small group revising all the phonemes.

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on place value and number facts. The children will explore using concrete apparatus the value of the different digits and how these fit together. We will be partitioning two digit and three digit numbers and comparing and ordering numbers.

We will be solving addition and subtraction problems and giving our reasons for our answers. Beginning with concrete apparatus and moving onto pictorial representations and recording as number sentences.

Science

Healthy Living

'Healthy Living' will be our topic for Autumn Term One

This is the main focus for the learning in this topic. The children will be learning about healthy eating, including the need for a balanced diet and 5-a-day. They will find out about good sleeping habits, tooth care, hand washing, medicines and exercise.

Curriculum Subjects

Other Subjects

Design Technology

The children will be finding out about fruit and vegetables and how to prepare them. They will design and make a healthy snack.

Art and Design

The children will be looking closely at fruit in order to sketch them using graded pencils, charcoal and chalk, photograph them, collage them and paint them using computer software. They will also be using the artists 'Arcimboldo' and 'Andy Warhol' as inspiration for a piece of their own work.

Computing

The children will be looking at E-safety and learning how to keep themselves safe online.

Physical Education

The children will be continuing to develop their games skills through some multi-skills sessions and hockey.

Religious Education

In RE the children will be learning about the Gospels and what the 'good news' that Jesus brought is.

Jigsaw

Our PSHE topic this term is Being Me in My Own World. Children will be thinking about their own identities, strengths and areas for improvement.

Other Notes

Parent Helpers

Please come and talk to us if you would like to become a parent reader. We would welcome you with open arms, even if you can only spare a short amount of time. 1:1 reading with children has such a big impact on children's ability and enthusiasm to read. You will discover that many children who are reluctant to read at home are desperate to 'show off' their reading to a visiting adult!

In order to come in and help you need to be DBS checked (police checked) and this can take quite a while. If you would like to help please talk to one of us and get a DBS form from the office. Thank you.

Please could you continue to check your child's book bag every day for letters and remind them to pass on completed replies to us in the morning.

If you have any queries or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to talk to us. We are available most days after school for a quick chat or we can arrange a time for another day if this suits better.

Class teachers:
Mrs White and Mrs Anderson
Mrs Lambert and Mrs McGreevy

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