

ART, DT, PSHE, PE, MUSIC AND COMPUTING

Art: We will be exploring the two spotlight artists of Kandinsky and Mondrian. Children will research their artists, generate ideas, be taught the formal elements of their style and apply this to their own pieces using varied media.

DT: Children will be making a fruit based product, developing key skills of how to stay safe in a kitchen environment and when using kitchen utensils. Our beautiful new children's kitchen in our staff room is the perfect place for this. We will also discuss seasonality with the shopkeepers in the village and look at our school vegetable patch.

PSHE: We will be exploring feelings and emotions.

PE: Our sports coach Lewis will deliver one session, with the other covered in house on weeks we are not swimming. All children go swimming on alternating weeks in the Autumn Term, led by Whitby Leisure Centre Staff.

COMPUTING: We follow the Apple Curriculum for Computer Skills. Children will also learn about the importance of internet safety and how they can protect themselves and others.

MUSIC: Children will be exploring pulse, rhythm and tempo.

RIVER SCHOOL AND FARM SCHOOL SESSIONS

We enhance our curriculum offer with River and Farm School sessions. These support various areas of the main curriculum. For example, when learning about Animals Including Humans, a farm visit and exploration of the minibeasts around the river make the children's learning bespoke and context specific.

MATHS

Reception will begin by developing a deep understanding of the numbers 0-5, including the composition of each number and developing the skills of cardinality and subitising. They will also explore patterns, including simple ABAB patterns.

Year 1 will begin by consolidating Place Value before moving onto addition and subtraction and shape units. Year 2 will complete the same topics as Year 1, however using much larger numbers and in greater depth.

PHONICS, READING AND ENGLISH

Daily Little Wandle Phonics Sessions happen for all Reception and Year 1 children as we teach the full phonetic code systematically. As a Little Wandle Champion School, we place great importance on children learning to read as soon as they walk through the doors in Reception. Reading sessions support this, both in child led book sessions and adult led Whole Class Reading.

We will begin the year using the core text 'After the Fall' to inspire a piece of narrative writing in Year 1 and 2. Year 2 will be reinventing the story using a range of engaging devices whilst Year 1 will write a retell of the story adopting good sentence structure. Reception will be writing their names and individual graphemes and mark making in provision.

FERN CLASS OUR LEARNING IN AUTUMN TERM

HISTORY

Arguably one of the most exciting history topics we cover, our 'Farming Through Time' unit offers great personalisation to our children's backgrounds and contexts. Children will appreciate change over time and the reasons for this, through our 'Big Ideas' of Society, Economy and Achievements and Legacy.

GEOGRAPHY

In Autumn 2, we move to Geography. We start small in scale, looking at the Geography of and around our school.

SCIENCE

In Science, our first unit is plants. We will name and identify a variety of common garden plants, before examining their structures and learning subject specific vocabulary. Then, we will move onto exploring animals including humans in Autumn 2 where we will be classifying, identifying and describing a range of animals. Experiments and research around spotlight scientists will also occur. Reception are always welcome to join in our science learning in Year 1 and 2. They also complete various understanding the world activities too, laying the foundations for their science learning.