

EYFS SUMMER 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Find out all about our Summer 1 Topic – Where the Wild Things Are



Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break! We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of learning opportunities linked to our topic 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

Term Dates: Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May.

Email Mrs Downey on: reception1@st-veronicas.lancs.sch.uk for any further information.

Don't forget: Please continue to work on letter and number formation with your child at home.

Please carry on reading with your child as much as possible and don't forget to sign the reading diary and complete 1 topic homework activity a week.

Please ensure your child brings a named summer hat and easy to apply sun cream, when appropriate.

Forest School will take place on Thursdays this half term, please remember to remove all jewellery and send in the children's forest school clothes in a big shopping bag with a spare unnamed plastic bag inside.

Reception class will be visiting Thornton Hall Farm on the 20th April to learn all about the farm animals, the cost of this experience is £20.00 please can you pay for this via Parent Pay by Friday 13th April.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term, the children will learn lots of new vocabulary linked to the topic. The children will be encouraged to use this vocabulary in the different themed role play areas. The children will be retelling stories as well as describing the different settings, characters and events in these stories and acting out the stories using character voices. The children will be encouraged to share their ideas, ask questions and respond to what others say. Children will be supported to speak in full sentences and to use conjunctions and the correct tense when talking. Please continue to send in your children's 'star moments' so that they can share their achievements outside of school with the class.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The school follows the Coram Life Education scheme.

Our topic this half term is: Being My Best.

The children will learn that some skills take time to learn and that it is good to celebrate our own successes and that of our peers. We will be exploring healthy eating and ways in which we can keep our minds and bodies healthy. We will be thinking about our bedtime routine and the importance of sleep.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This is a very exciting half term for the children as they will be in our forest school forest developing their confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. In other areas of physical development, we will continue to work on our gross motor skills working on strength, balance and coordination of movement. The children will also continue to develop their fine motor skills including holding a pencil in a tripod grip, forming letters and numbers correctly, developing cutting skills and drawing with accuracy.

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This half term, our topic is Lighting the Path – To the Ends of the Earth. The children will be learning about people who help and guide others, and how we can show kindness, care and make good choices. We will explore stories, including the Christian celebration of Pentecost, when Jesus' friends were given courage to share his message with others. Through this, the children will think about how they can be kind, helpful and make a positive difference in their everyday lives at school and at home."

LITERACY

The children will be exploring different texts such as 'Rosie's Walk', 'The Little Red Hen', 'Farmer Duck' and 'Dear Zoo'. They will be drawing story maps, retelling the stories, writing speech bubbles, letters and making an animal fact sheet. The children will continue to learn to form their lowercase and capital letters correctly. Children will use their phonic knowledge to read and write simple words, captions and sentences.

MATHS

The children will be counting larger sets and things that cannot be seen. They will continue to subitise, as well as composing numbers to 10. In class the children will be playing lots of number track games to consolidate their learning. The children will continue to name 3-D shapes and to talk about their different properties, they will compose and decompose shapes and will find 2-D shapes within 3-D shapes.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

The children will be learning the names of different animals and their babies and matching the baby with the adult. The children will be making bread, they will be learning about ingredients, instructions, measuring and how the ingredients change as they are heated up and cooked.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The school follows the Charanga scheme of work and the topic this half term is –Big Bear Funk. The children will be finding the pulse, playing rhythm games and exploring pitch by creating sounds using their voices and instruments, they will also share and perform what they have learnt. The children will role-play/small world play the characters from the stories as well as creating imaginary situations linked to what they know. They will be painting pictures of characters from the stories and making clay farm animals.