

# FARTINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Main Road, Farthinghoe, Brackley, Northants, NN13 5PA.



## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Terms 2017/18

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer holidays.

This term our KS1 topic is 'Town and Country – our village now and then', in key stage 1 and EYFS this will be divided into different themes. We will begin by learning about the differences and similarities between a village and a town/city, what they look like, what features we may find in them. We will then look at Farthinghoe and learn about when it was built and how this came about, also learning about Brackley and its Roman roots and seeing if this civilisation impacted in any way on the residents of our village.

### English

The children will be reading fiction and non-fiction texts based around the topic. They will use their reading as a model for their writing and will write using a variety of genres including; lists, instructions, letters, poems and stories. Each day the children will have a twenty minute Word Level session in which they will learn the 44 letter combinations that represent the spoken sounds in the English language, as well as developing strategies for spelling words that cannot be phonetically decoded. As part of the new curriculum there will also be a much greater focus on grammar, with children learning and using a more technical vocabulary (I will send home a list of terms used to help support work at home). Children in Years 1 and 2 will have a list of spellings for them to look at and work on in school. These words will not form part of a test, but their spelling of them will be practised in the classroom and used in their writing, please feel free to look at them at home with your child if you have the time.

### Numeracy

The children will be continuing to develop their knowledge of the number system, counting and ordering. They will also develop and consolidate addition and subtraction strategies, using and applying their knowledge. All children will be encouraged to think critically and independently about number and continue to develop the skill of explaining and reasoning how they solved a problem. They will also be learning key skills on a daily basis, such as times tables and number bonds, in order to further develop number fluency. As part of the focus on key skills, I will be encouraging the children to practise their times tables at home. Each child will continue to have a numeracy passport and, as with their reading record, these books should be kept in their book bags at all times.

### Science

As in previous years science will remain a discrete taught subject although, when appropriate, links will be made to the topic. In the first half term, the children will learn about the basic parts of the human body and learn which part of the body is associated with each of the five senses. In the second half term they will learn about the behaviour and habitats of animals common to the British Isles, with a particular focus on pets on how to keep them happy and healthy. As part of their scientific enquiry skills they will collect and use data to create graphs and information sheets.

### Computing

The children will continue to use ICT to support all areas of learning. The main focus for the first half term will be on the issues of e-safety - how to use technology safely and responsibly. I will encourage them to share what they have learnt with you at home. They will also learn how to use word processing and presentation software to showcase their work. They will also use a drawing package to create pictures linked to our topic.



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## History/Geography

The main learning focus of this topic will be geography based. The children will learn to locate the countries and capitals of the UK, key facts about the four countries such as names of cities and main towns etc., use key geographical vocabulary and learn to use maps, atlases, Google Earth and globes. They will also discover, through a series of creative activities, the diversity that exists between their own families and on a wider scale between the villages, towns and cities of the British Isles.

## Art and Design Technology

By studying landscapes the children will explore line, tone, colour and shape. They will learn to mix colours and produce realistic works of art. They will use a range of materials creatively to design and make products and use drawing, painting and sculpture to share their ideas, experiences and imagination. We will also look at the works of famous landscape painters such as Monet and create work based on the pictures we see.

## RE/PHSE

The children will learn about belonging to different groups - families, schools, classes, community and the importance and enjoyment of being a member of a group. They will also begin to learn about how belonging to religious groups is special to some people.

## PE

The children will be working with large and small apparatus and developing their gymnastic skills, control and balance. From the beginning of October we will have a tennis coach visiting the school and the children will be working with them to improve their racket skills. They will also be working on a unit of creative dance.

If you have any queries or concerns about the curriculum, please leave a message with Mrs Holloway in the school office and I will call you or arrange to meet with you after school.

Kind regards,

Sharon Turner  
Deputy Head teacher

