

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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EYFS and Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term, where has the year gone? Here's hoping for a more settled time in school for us all 😊

For the first part of this term, our EYFS and KS1 topic is 'Get Well Soon', when we will be comparing the lives of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, nurses during the Crimean War. We will be learning about how medicine has changed since Victorian times and how we keep ourselves fit and well. We are also looking forward to a visit from a real-life paramedic who will tell us all about her role on the ambulances, and what she does to keep us safe.

The second part of the term will be spent learning about nutrition and how to keep ourselves fit. We will be learning about the origins of the Olympic Games and how athletes look after their bodies to keep them strong. According to the differing Curriculums, these topics will be divided into different themes for Key Stage 1 and EYFS children.

The EYFS children will do most of their learning through games and play. The required areas of learning for EYFS children are listed below and the children will access our topic through these mediums.

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social and emotional development
- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design

English: The children will be reading fiction and non-fiction texts some of which will be based around the topic. This term we are starting with traditional tales for our fiction, we will be using our topic as a stimulus for our non-fiction work, writing fact files, letters and diaries. For the last 15 minute of the day, the children will take part in a shared reading session, we will read from a class book, which may or may not be connected to our topic but will always be a high quality text.

Each day the children will have a twenty-minute Phonic or 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.

EYFS and Year 1 are currently working together and are learning/revisiting the phonemes from Phase 3 including, j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, sh, ch, th, ng, al, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er, along with the tricky words for Phase 3. Please check your child's book bag, as we will be sending home, work to support this learning.

As part of the National Curriculum 2014, there will also be a much greater focus on grammar for the Year 2 children, with children learning and using a more technical vocabulary. During the phonics sessions for EYFS and Year 1 the Year 2 children will be learning more about spelling rules and patterns, as well as word endings, prefixes and suffixes. The Year 2 children also have a separate grammar lesson once a week when the rest of the class have bike time.



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Numeracy: All year groups will continue to work from the Power Maths scheme for Mastery Maths. 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 (Year 1 and 2 only) in order to develop further number fluency.

Science: As in previous years, science will remain a discrete taught subject although, when appropriate, links will be made to the topic. Our Science topic this term is Animal Habitats and the children will be working with Mrs Thompson on art in nature and habitats.

Computing: The children will continue to use ICT to support all areas of learning. The KS1 children will be taught how to log in and use a password on the laptops as well as how to navigate a search engine such as Google for finding out information concerning our topic. The EYFS children will be given access to the iPad to take pictures, record video and learn how to control the Beebots.

History/Geography: The main learning focus of the topics in this term are science (keeping healthy) and history (the Crimean War/Victorian medicine/The Greeks and the Olympic Games).

RE/PHSE:

Mrs Thompson will be teaching RE during the summer term and will be covering various aspects of Judaism and Jewish beliefs.

Our PSHE sessions will be taught weekly and will be taken from the SCARF scheme of work.

PE: Our PE sessions continue to be on a Monday and a Wednesday, at the moment these are held on the playground (weather permitting) or inside the classroom if it is wet. As the term progresses the children will spend more time at the village hall on the field learning about the athletic disciplines connected to the Olympic Games and the events held there.

If you have any queries or concerns about the curriculum, please email me s.turner@farthinghoe.school and I will contact you to either discuss your concerns by phone, Zoom or arrange to meet with you after school.

Kind regards

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