

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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EYFS and Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to all our new parents and their lovely children. Our new Reception intake seem to have settled well with us and I know our existing parents will be doing everything to ensure that you feel welcome and valued within our school community.

This term we are excited to be exploring our new Academy Curriculum, our KS1 topic is a local history study around Brilliant Brackley, we are presently looking at Castles and reviewing what we know about them, the next part of our study will be around whether there was a Castle in Brackley and where the site would have been. We are looking forward to learning more about our local town.

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

Over the next few weeks, the Foundation children will be introduced to Phonics, letter sounds which construct our language and support them when they are beginning to read. In line with Government requirements, we will be using one of their approved schemes to enable our children to learn and from this year, we will be moving to Read, Write Inc.

The children in Years 1 and 2 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; fantasy worlds, traditional fairy stories, instructions, letters, poems and stories. Each day the children will continue to have a thirty-minute Phonics session in which they will learn letter combinations that represent the spoken sounds in the English language, as well as developing strategies for spelling words that cannot be phonetically decoded. The Year 2 children will also be learning more about how grammar and the rules of grammar construct the English language.

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.



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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.

In Science the children will be studying our local plants and trees. They will be able to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. All the children will learn how to show care and concern for living things and understand how to help things grow. The children will also have the opportunity to spend time on our school allotment.

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 topic this term will be history, learning about the locality and how it has changed. The children will also learn about the geographical features of the countryside and why specific buildings were built here.

Art and Design Technology

The children will be designing, making and evaluating a badge, which shows what they love about where they live.

RE- Ourselves, Where we live

This unit enables pupils to recognise and value a sense of belonging and helps them to begin to understand how this contributes to their own emotional well-being and to the values of the community in which they live. Personal experience, based upon home, school and the local community, will be the key focus for this unit. This will then be used to help them to begin to understand how children in particular religions experience a sense of belonging.



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PE

The children are to continue to come into school in their PE clothes on a Monday and Wednesday, PE is taught in the afternoon.

The children will be learning how to work collaboratively with each other, how to be a team. They will also learn how to throw and catch a ball and how to use this skill in a ball game.

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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