

Ridge House

Topics and Subjects covered in Form 8

Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you of the curriculum we have planned for this term. We hope that you find this letter informative. The children have an exciting and busy term ahead of them!

Literacy

This term our work will cover fiction, non fiction and fantasy story work. We will be concentrating on the basic rules of writing, including work on the correct use of capital letters and full stops. The children will be asked to write and re-read simple sentences, as well as captions, labels and instructions.

We will continue to use Letters and Sounds within our phonic sessions. We will also be looking at high frequency words, which are those little words which do not follow a pattern. This phonic work will include the revision of single sounds and recognition of consonant clusters.

The children would benefit from practising spelling:

- Their own name: forename and surname;
- The days of the week;
- Number words to ten/twenty.

Numeracy

Numeracy is split into three main areas: mental maths, number work and shape and space work. The topics for this term will include basic time (o'clock and half past), money, the seasons, measure and 2D shape.

Areas to focus on:

- Counting forwards and backwards in ones to 30;
- Recognising and writing numbers to 20 and then to 30;
- Numberbonds to 10 (pairs of numbers which make 10), quick mental recall;
- Addition and subtraction within 10, quick mental recall.

Science

The topics covered this term will include 'Ourselves', 'Life Processes' and 'Sound and Hearing'. We will be looking at living and non-living things. The children will partake in field work around the school grounds. We look at our 5 senses and the children will progress to focusing on sound and hearing. The children will also have fun experiments to look forward to this term.

Geography

We are looking at 'Our School and the Local Area'. This will include studying our school building, the grounds and the immediate surrounding area. They will be following instructions and directing others to specific destinations.

History

The children will be learning about 'Toys from the Past and Present Day'. They will compare similarities and differences and will learn how to use artefacts to find out about the past. We have connections with the Reading Museum and will be discussing toys they hire out to us this term, and creating our own Toy Museum in class.

RE

The topic for this term is 'Belonging' and 'Christian Festivals'. The children will be considering how they belong to different groups, such as families and religions; how we welcome a baby into the Christian faith and the Christmas story. We will be visiting our local church and exploring artefacts inside.

French

We are very happy to welcome Madame Portanier to Form 8 to teach our weekly French lessons. She will be covering a range of topics this term, such as: introductions, colours and numbers. There will be an emphasis on oral work, songs and games.

PSHE

Through Circle Time and other means, we shall be talking about 'Myself', 'Getting to Know You', 'Listening and Concentrating' and 'Feelings'.

Swimming

The children will be swimming on a Monday. Please ensure your child comes to school with goggles, a towel, and swimming hat and their school costume.

Homework

The children will be heard to read everyday by a member of staff and a reading book will be sent home each night for them to read to you.

Each Friday, the children will be given a new set of spellings in their spelling folder, reflecting the phonics for the following week. These will need to be learnt, using the Read, Cover, Write method. The children will then be tested on these spellings the following Friday, and a new set will then be placed into their spelling folder and sent home and learnt for a test the following Friday, and so on. Therefore, please ensure that the spelling folder is in school on Fridays.

We have an 'open door' policy in Form 8, so if you ever would like a chat with your child's class teacher, and the time at drop off/pick up is not sufficient, then please do not hesitate to make an appointment with them before/after the school day.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable term.

Miss Sophie Ainge

Miss Sarah Dalby