

Ridge House

Topics and Subjects covered in Form 8

Summer Term

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you of the curriculum we have planned for this term. It will be a busy and exciting term with many activities planned; Sports Day and a trip to Virginia Water being just a few of them.

We hope that you find this letter informative and we look forward to your continued support.

Literacy

This term our work will cover fiction, poetry and non-fiction texts. We will be consolidating the basic rules of writing, including work on the correct use of capital letters, full stops and checking whether their sentences make sense. We will be looking at verbs and how they change in different tenses, nouns and adjectives. The children will be looking at books, finding out information on them from the 'blurb' on the back of the book.

Spellings will still be divided into two main areas; high frequency words which do not necessarily follow regular spelling patterns, and phonetic spelling. This phonic work will cover a different phoneme each week, for example 'ai' spellings, 'ee' or 'ea'.

The children would benefit from practising spelling:

- Days of the week and Months of the Year
- Colours
- Question words e.g. what, when, where, how, who, why etc.

Numeracy

Numeracy is split into three main areas: mental maths, number work and topic work. The topics for this term will include telling the time, using money (and working out change), measure (cm) and 2D/3D shape.

Areas to focus on at home are:

- Reciting and counting numbers up to 50, then 100

- Addition and subtraction within 50
- Recognising and identifying tens and units in a given number
- Counting forwards and backwards in ones to 20
- Addition using 3 numbers in a sum and subtraction
- Odd and Even

Your child will benefit enormously if maths is practised regularly. Whether it is in the car, counting around the supermarket, working out you change or cooking with you at the weekend, your child will enjoy this interaction with you. It can be as fun or practical as you can make it.

Science

The topics covered this term will include 'Light and Dark' and 'Pushes and Pulls'. The children will learn that we need light to see and that the strength of light affects our vision.

Pushes and Pulls. We will be exploring how objects move and which forces are working.

Geography

We are looking at 'Water'. We will be looking at where we find water and how we use it. We will look at a basic water cycle.

History

The children will be learning about the Native Americans, the Plains Indians. This is a fun topic where the children love to learn about how the Plains Indians used to live. Our trip will take us to Virginia Water to see the Totem Pole there.

RE

This term we are looking at a variety of stories from the New Testament. We shall be concentrating on the life of Jesus, what we know about him as a young boy and some of the better known stories.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable term.

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