



Spring Term 2024 - Light and Dark



This term our new topic will be Light and Dark. Planning for this topic will stem from the pupil's ideas during our pupil voice discussions each week.

Literacy, Language and Communication

The children will listen to a wide variety of topic themed fiction and non-fiction books and we will be focusing on our topic 'Light and Dark'. Each day we will learn daily letters and sounds in phonics, guided reading and handwriting. To encourage the children's' oracy skills, they will have opportunities to partake in rhymes and regular role-play opportunities, as well as engaging in songs. The children will have the opportunity to share their homework as well as any other news they have on a Monday during 'News'.

The children will have the opportunity to develop their writing by mark making in different continuous provision as well as having focused activities linked to the topic like writing a diary, recount, information, labels and captions, as well as exploring poetry and writing our own play script. We plan to start with poetry, exploring different types of poetry, such as acrostic and shape poems. Please try your best to read as much as you can at home. This will benefit your child's reading greatly and support the work we are doing in school.

Numeracy

Over the Spring term, we will develop our counting skills, estimating, place value knowledge, as well as learning about addition and subtraction. We will also explore length, height, mass and capacity.

Daily, we will sing mathematical songs linked to number or time, as well as continuing to talk about days of the week and months of the year. We will also be developing our problem-solving skills during our topic lessons, solving some really exciting tasks and challenges!

The children will also have time to explore and develop their mathematical learning by accessing learning opportunities during Busy Bee time (continuous provision).

Welsh

In Welsh, the children will develop their oracy and reading skills. During this term, children will have the opportunity to bring home a Welsh book to explore. Every day, we will continue with incidental Welsh including counting, colours, weather and commands. We will also be introducing and using new vocabulary linked to our Welsh topic - Family and Pets.

How can you help?

You can support your children at home, by talking about their learning in school, **listening to them read daily and helping them to learn their tricky words and sounds**. Remember the children can also access a range of online resources. As always, we will be keeping you up to date through Class Dojo so please keep an eye out!

If you have any things that you no longer use at home, that could support this topic in the role play or small world, we would love to make use of them in class so please send them in.

***Please remember we are always here to
answer any questions you may have.***



Expressive Arts



This term we will be experimenting with paints and will learn how to make a shade lighter/darker. We will focus on one of Van Gogh's famous paintings by creating a 'Starry Night' picture, inspired by Van Gogh. We will also be creating some artwork based on the topic books we read! In Music, we will be practising our listening skills, paying close attention to beat and rhythm. We will also get the opportunity to explore basic instruments, create our own songs and choreograph dances to perform for our peers!



Health and Well-Being

We will have P.E lessons every week which will be on a Monday so please remember to come to school dressed in your P.E kit on that day. This term we plan on holding a coffee/tea and cakes morning for the residents of the Hermitage care home and will be learning about Dementia and what can be done to help. We will also be going on some welly walks around our local area to see what animals we can see and will learn how to care for them too.

We will be continuing with our Dina school sessions by using our puppets 'Wally and Dina' to learn about social stories and scenarios. We will focus on solving real life problems, how to deal with different emotions, how to be a good friend and much more!



Humanities



We will focus on the story 'Little Glow' to learn about various festivals around the world and how these are celebrated. We will be learning about Chinese New Year, and we hope to make our own Chinese lanterns. We also be learning about Christianity and exploring some of Jesus's teachings. We would also like to study the history of electricity and the work of Thomas Edison and his invention of the lightbulb. In geography we will use our map skills to locate various nocturnal animal homes and explore how these differ for each animal.



Science and Technology

As part of our science lessons, we will be carrying out our various experiments. We will look at how light travels through different materials and learn what transparent, translucent, and opaque means. We will also be going outside to observe how shadows change at different times of the day. We will also look at reflectors on clothing and objects and learn how they keep us safe.

We will be using our creative skills to design and make our own lighthouse, as well as making our own shadow puppets to support our play scripts! When reading 'The Rabbit, the Dark and the Biscuit Tin' we will bake our own delicious biscuits to sell at our coffee morning!



In ICT, we will code the Spheros to solve exciting missions! We will continue to use HWB to practise our typing skills, paint pictures, show data & create animations.