

Pendeen

Curriculum Newsletter Summer 1st Half term 2022

<u>Staff:</u>

Mrs Wilton (Class Teacher) Miss Warne and Miss Theobald (Teaching Assistants)

Homework and Reading:

Homework will be to read daily, reading books will be changed twice a week on a Monday and a Friday. Re-read each book more than once, this will enable your child to familiarise themselves with the story and to confidently re-tell the story to you. Children will also bring home a Read Write Inc. book, these books are for the children to read to you at home.

We will continue to send home spellings and a piece of maths homework each week, this will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. This homework will be stuck into your child's yellow homework book, please ensure that these books are sent into school so that we can stick the homework in each week.

Thank you for your continued support.





<u>Maths</u>:

This term we will focusing on:

- Counting and writing numbers to 20
- Ordering numbers to 20
- Counting back from 20
- Number patterns
- Adding
- Taking away
- Spatial reasoning

<u>Literacy</u>:

In literacy we will be focusing on two stories for this half term. The children will listen to the story and start to learn actions to help them to retell the story. The children will then sequence the story and draw story maps. Finally the children will write parts of the story. The two stories that we will be focusing on this half term are 'The Little Red Hen' and 'Going for a Song'.

The children will have daily phonic lessons using the Read Write Inc. programme. We also practice the letter sounds throughout the day. Children will continue to learning to read and write high frequency words and common exception words. You can support your child by listening to them read every day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will have weekly circle time, which will help the children understand their own feelings and the feelings of others. The theme for our circle time this half term will be 'Relationships'. We will talk about families, friendship, fallouts and how to be a good friend.

Communication and Language:

The children will be discussing different things to do in the summer. The children will share their thoughts and ideas and be encouraged to listen to each other. The children will hear the story My Butterfly Bouquet by Nicola Davies and will talk about the story, including the butterflies' features. Children will be encouraged to follow

Physical Development:

In our weekly PE lesson we will be focusing on running, jumping and stopping. The children will play different PE games based on the theme of 'growing'. They will play games that will help to develop these key skills. The children will continue to work on and develop their fine motor skills through classroom activities such as threading, dough disco and activities involving tweezers.

Understanding the World:

Children will be learning all about plants and flowers. We will look at the parts of a flower. The children will plant seeds and see how they change as the plants start to grow. The children will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Expressive Art & Design:

The children will paint a dream flower garden using famous paintings as inspiration.

The children will be taught a variety of garden-themed rhymes and will discuss which is their favourite rhyme and why.

The children will have music lessons where they will listen and responding to different styles of music. They will also be learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs.

<u>RE</u>: This half term in RE the focus will be 'which places are special and why'. We will start by discuss places that are special to the children and why they are special. We will then look at places that are special to Christians and Muslims and will be talking about why holy buildings are important to these faiths. The children will continue to say a prayer before lunch and will attend daily whole school collective worship in the hall.

Please ensure your child has their book bag and water bottle in school every day. With the warm weather in the summer term please could you make sure that children bring a sunhat and come to school wearing suncream on hot, sunny days. Also please can you make sure that all jumpers are named so that the right jumpers go home with the right children. On Wednesday the children need to arrive in their PE kit. On alternate Fridays the children will need to arrive at school in their Wild Tribe clothes, please keep an eye on ClassDojo for reminders on this. Thank you.