

Pendeen

Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 1st Half term 2022

Staff:

Mrs Wilton (Class Teacher)

Miss Kennedy (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. Some children will also bring home a Read Write Inc. ditty book, these books are for the children to read to you at home.

We will also start to introduce spellings and a piece of maths homework each week, this will be set on a Monday to be completed by the 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.

Once Upon a Time



Maths:

This term we will learn to:

- Counting and writing numbers to 10
- Days of the week and months of the year
- Composition of numbers to 5
- Combining two amounts
- Making pairs
- Comparing mass and capacity
- Length and height
- Time

Literacy:

In English, we will be looking at different stories linked to our topic of Once Upon a Time. The first story we will look at is 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children will learn the story and re-tell the story using actions. The second story that they will learn will be 'Peter and the Wolf'. After the children have learnt the stories they will be sequencing and maybe writing some of the words from the story.

The children will have daily phonic lessons using the Read Write Inc. programme. We also practice the letter sounds throughout the day. The children will learn how to form letters. Children will start learning to read and write high frequency 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 dreams and goals. We will continue to work with the children to promote their independence and to work on how to be a good member of the school community.

Communication and Language:

The children will be learning new vocabulary relating to our 'Once upon a Time' topic. They will be taught games to play that encourage them to listen and talk to others. They will be thinking of lots of describing words to describe characters from traditional tales.

Physical Development:

In our weekly PE lesson the children will be focusing on throwing and catching skills. The children will be taught the skills needed and will practise the skills and will then play a short game to cement these skills.

Understanding the World:

Children will explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants, the wild tribe will see the children outside regularly. They will learn relevant information such as living things like dinosaurs, plesiosaurs and pterosaurs lived millions of years ago and a palaeontologist studies fossils of living things from the past.

Expressive Art & Design:

The children will use and explore a variety of materials to make a mask of a character from a traditional tale. They will also make a bridge, choosing the best materials for the job. 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.

RE:

By the end of this unit:

This unit supports the principal aim of RE: **The principal aim of religious education is to explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live, so that children can gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living.**

- re-tell religious stories making connections with personal experiences
- share and record occasions when things have happened in their lives that made them feel special
- recall simply what happens at a traditional Christian infant baptism and dedication
- recall simply what happens when a baby is welcomed into a religion other than Christianity

Please ensure your child has their book bag, water bottle and coat in school every day. On Thursday and Friday children need to arrive in their PE kit. Thank you.