

Clyst Class curriculum newsletter: Autumn 1



We would like to say a cheerful Clyst welcome back to all of you, we hope you had a fantastic summer break. The children have returned to school eager and enthusiastic, and ready for an exciting year ahead. Please see the following page for an overview of what the children will be learning about this half term.

PE Children should come to school on the days that we have PE in their PE kits. Our PE days this half term are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In our Wednesday PE sessions, from Wednesday 16th September through to Wednesday 21st October all of the children will be participating in swimming lessons at St Sidwell's pool, in the morning. Please send them to school with a named swimming costume, a named towel in a named bag, separate to their school bag. We will be back for lunch so the lunchtime orders and routine will stay the same.

Home learning: This year we are continuing with our home learning books. We will plan home learning that will allow children to practice and consolidate their learning in school. There will be a particular focus on developing fluency in spelling and maths. Home learning will be set on a Friday and is to **completed by the following Tuesday so that Mr Burton is able to mark it.** Please also encourage your children to read at home and to regularly work on TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars).

Star Learner: this half term, we will be choosing star learners who demonstrate the qualities of friendship. If your child is chosen to receive the star learner award, you will receive a text by 12:00 on a Wednesday inviting you to the celebration assembly the following Friday where your child will receive their certificate.

Learning assembly: You are invited to Clyst class's learning assembly at Thursday 3rd December where we will share with you what we have learnt this term.



Maths

In Maths, this half term the children will develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills in the following areas:

Place value: The children will learn to read, write, compare and identify the values of the digits in numbers up to 1,000 (year 3) and 'numbers beyond 1000 (year 4).

Addition and subtraction: We will be working with numbers up to 1,000.

Multiplication and division: We will be introducing multiplication and division to the Yr 3 children, whilst the Yr 4 children work on their times tables recall.

PE

This half term the children will develop ball skills, using these skills to learn to play netball. We will be focusing on the important skill - team playing. We will be supported by Saints on a Tuesday.

Reading

The children will have plenty of opportunities to read varied texts linked to different subjects that we are covering this term, as well as reading their Accelerated Reader books and answering comprehension questions to monitor their understanding of the text and fluency.

Please could you support your child by listening to them read regularly at home and asking the questions about what they are reading.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we will be learning about computer safety and the issues around communicating online and making friends online.

Umbrella Topic



Study of our local area

Religious Education

This half term, the children will study Christianity; reading the Creation story and thinking about what Christians learn from this story.

MFL

The children will be introduced to the French language and culture, and learn to count and say yes and no.

Writing

The children will develop their writing skills this half term through two texts.

The Beasties is a beautifully illustrated book about the power of imagination and the comfort of story-telling.

The Book of Bones is a fun and exciting non-fiction text containing clues that relate to world record facts about various animal's bones!

Wider curriculum learning

In Geography, we are studying the local area, looking at the human and physical features around us.

In Science, we are focusing on 'Rocks'. We will be exploring the different types of rocks and make comparisons.

In Computing, we will be exploring the concept at the internet, understanding simply how it works. We will also discuss computer safety, linked to communication and making friends online.

In DT the children will be learning about shell structures and creating their own prototype shelters for tourists to stay in when visiting Exeter (linked to our Geography topic)

In Music, we will be using the creative music plan to learn how to create and notate through a unit called "You can see it through".



location



human features



physical features



land use



maps



guide



Study of our local area



fieldwork



symbol



environment



aerial photo/
bird's-eye view



route



direction



settlement



river