The Lea Primary School and Nursery
Autumn Term
Curriculum Overview
for
Year 2
2021

English

The key texts we will be using in our English lessons this term include Oi Get Off our Train (*John Burningham),* The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs *(Jon Scieszka)*The 3 Little Wolves & Big Bad Pig (*Eugene Trivizas)* and The Jolly Christmas Postman (*Allan Ahlberg)* and these will provide opportunities for a range of writing tasks. We will focus on ensuring the basic skills of writing are secure, as well as teaching new skills such as using conjunctions and different sentence forms. We will be using the handwriting scheme, Letterjoin, to help the children increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their joined writing. All children will read regularly in Guided Reading.

Mathematics

This term we will focus on developing the children's counting skills and understanding of place value. We will be looking at numbers up to 100 and we will be learning numbers bonds and pairs up to and within 20. We will also be building on their addition and subtraction strategies and encouraging them to select an appropriate strategy to support their learning. Throughout the term we will be continuing to learn how to solve a variety of mathematical problems, such as using money in practical contexts. Other areas of Maths that we will be working on include Geometry (2D and 3D shapes) and Measurement in terms of length, mass and capacity.

Science

The children will be looking at and investigating animals including humans this term. They will learn about the importance of exercise, eating healthy and the 5 different food groups and all about hygiene and the life of Louis Pastuer. They will also have the opportunity to learn about the basics needs of all animals and humans need for survival and they will look at the life stages of different animals and humans.

Computing

During the first half term, the children will be practicing basic computing skills such as typing and using the internet. They will also be focusing on e-safety and learning about how to ensure they stay safe online.

In addition, the children will be using the computers to support their Maths, English and Topic work.

R.E

This term the curriculum will focus on what is important to Christians. The children will look at important symbols in Christianity and will think about the values in the Christmas story and what Christians learn from it. Children will have the opportunity to think about their own beliefs and faiths and what is important to them.

P.E

The children will develop their physical skills this term through multiskills, where they will look at a range of skills like balance and core strength, which will then be used in a number of sports and games like football and rugby. PE will take place on Thursdays and Fridays, please wear PE kits for the whole day.

Topic Work

We will begin the term with a short topic about 'Harvest', during which we will be learning about where food comes and the history of British farming. In Design & Technology, they will be learning some basic cookery skills including cutting, grating and peelng vegetables to create a delicious vegetable soup.

Our topic for the rest of the term will be Explorers and we will be focusing on 2 famous explorers in particular – Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. As well as finding about the achievements of these explorers, the children will also learn how to make simple maps and to name the 7 continents and 5 oceans.

Music

Our music topic this term is called Hands, Feet, Heart. The children will have the opportunity to celebrate and learn about South African music. They will have chance to use a range of instruments.

P.S.H.E

This term's topic will be kindness. We will be looking at what makes a good friend and who are our 'VIP's' in our lives. The children will be thinking about what kindness is and strategies that they can use if they are unhappy or if anyone is unkind.

Homework

Please complete 1 activity per week from the Home Learning grid. Please read at least three times per week and practicing spellings is essential. Practicing number bonds and learning times tables is also important.