# **Learning Letter – Turtle Class**

# My Communication

# Communication and Comprehension

English: Our topics are:

Autumn Term 1 Fiction

Modern Fiction: The Hodgeheg

#### Key tex

-The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith

Enjoy Dick King-Smith's The Hodgeheg. Explore plot, character and dialogue. Study speech punctuation and adverbs for time, place and manner. Write a new animal adventure.

AutumnTerm 2 Non-fiction Reports: Video games

Explore non-chronological reports about video games. Revise word classes and study dialogue punctuation. Read/write informal and formal reports. Design and present a new game.

Communication/Guided Reading/ Phonics/Comprehension/Speaking and Listening will be taught discreetly regularly throughout the week working on individual needs. Pupils will be heard reading 1:1 daily

## Ways you can help your child:

- Talk to your child LOTS! Encourage them to talk particularly through the use of games and imaginative play
- Talk about days of the week & months of the year and using the vocabulary today, tomorrow and yesterday.
- Read with your child daily magazines, books, newspaper, fiction and non-fiction.
- Look at and discuss examples of forms job applications, bank forms etc
- Use <a href="https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk">https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk</a> at home.
- Use https://mv.risingstars-uk.com/

# My Body

## Physical Education

## Autumn Term 1

- Athletics
- Fine and Gross motor skills

#### Autumn Term 2

- Invasion Games
- Netball

## Ways you can help your child:

- Practise getting independently dressed and undressed at home.
- Ensure your child is getting the right amount of sleep, including a good bedtime routine with down time away from technology and TV at least half an hour before sleep time.
- Encourage them to be active and join sports clubs where possible. Go to the park to play and kick a ball around. Walk wherever you can.
- Take your child to the pool to practice swimming if possible.

# My Independence

## Skills for Life

We will also be working on the skills for life to support towards our personal goals for independence Our main Focus this term is:

#### Autumn Term 1

Signing and deaf awareness

#### Autumn Term 2

Food Tech: World Foods

### Healthy living and lifestyles

We will also be working on the skills to support towards our personal goals for independence.

- Personal hygiene & grooming
- Dressing
- Healthy food and snack choices

# Ways you can help your child:

- Support your child in being independent making a drink for themselves, making snacks, getting dressed and personal hygiene
- Discuss with your child times of the day look at the clock and mention the time so that time becomes part of their normal conversation – eg. 'Wake up its 7am and we need to be having breakfast by 7.30 as the bus comes at 8am'etc
- Talk about what day it is, what they did yesterday, what they will be doing tomorrow, what is happening next week, next month and next year. Again make planning and the use of a calendar part of their everyday language
- Encourage your child to dress and take responsibility for their clothing.
- Involve your child with household chores such as hanging up the washing, folding clothes and putting the items away

#### **My Community** My Cognition My Creativity Maths Music PSHE / RSE This term we will focus on Number and Shape and measurements. We will play a range of maths games to Autumn Term 1: 90s R&B, Singer songwriter **PSHE** explore number combinations, place value, patterns, time and other important mathematical concepts and Autumn Term 1- World we live in - Taking care of the environment to give opportunities for students to deepen their mathematical understanding and reasoning Autumn Term 2- Self-care, support and safety – keeping safe online The second half of this term we will be concentrating on telling the time. Science Art and Design Autumn Term 1- Everyday Materials Cultural Development /RE We will compare, group, investigate properties including their hardness, solubility, transparency, Autumn Term 2: South American Art Autumn Term 1- Black History conductivity, and response to magnets Key Artists - Joaquin Torres, Diego Rivera, Beatriz Milhaze Autumn Term 2- Islamic beliefs Particular uses of everyday materials including metal, wood and plastic, the periodic table Key Skills- Symbol art drawing, murals, printing Autumn Term 2 - Weather We will explore and identify different cloud types. Understand the role of a meteorologist. Investigate Ways you can help your child: and record weather patterns including cloud cover, wind, temperature and precipitation. Understand Discuss with your child what they like and what make how weather can affect our everyday lives and wildlife including plants. them calm and feel good Encourage your child to talk about how they feel Listen to music and talk about how it makes you and them Computing Encourage your child to help and take responsibility for Writing E-mails jobs around the home. Photography and editing images Encourage your child to do some jobs on a 'volunteer basis and explain the role these play within supporting running a home/community. Encourage your child to do jobs to earn some 'pocket' Geography money. This doesn't have to be much, maybe a few Autumn Term 1- The Arabian Peninsula pence, but it will get them to understand the value of We will learn about the physical features of the peninsula as well as population. Autumn Term 2- Eastern European explorers Talk about what your child likes and dislikes Encourage them to be active and join sports clubs where possible. Go to the park to play and kick a ball around. Ways you can help your child: Walk wherever you can Talk to your child about number in everyday life encouraging them to use the right vocabulary - adding and subtracting, sort and grouping objects. Talk about times within their routines – discuss mealtimes, bedtimes, time they get the bus and how many minutes to bedtime etc - Encourage your child to wear a watch Talk about money – using cash and card. Consider giving your child 'pocket money' or even better they have 'chores' to 'earn' pocket money - this doesn't have to be much just a few pence, but encourage them to save their money and buy an item they have been asking for - a magazine or small toy. Talk about food and a healthy diet Encourage your child to eat healthily and involve them in cooking Practice use of touch typing using the programmes set on Purple Mash Get your child to send an email to a relative - encourage them to upload and attach a picture