Autumn Term 2024

Learning Letter – Dolphin Class

My Communication

Communication and Comprehension

- We will begin with Myths and Legends and our key text is The Romans: Gods, Emperors & Dormice
- We will use story mapping to retell common Roman myths, study dialogue, punctuation, conjunctions and word classes.
- Eventually combining our skills to write and perform our own myth.
- Then we will study Games Shows and Quizzes, identifying differences between instructions and explanations and writing our own explanation text using all of these key features.



Ways you can help your child:

- Ask who, what, where questions when reading or listening to stories
- Read mythical stories from lots of other parts of the world
- Identify who is speaking when reading books and how the vocabulary to explain how they are speaking

My Body

Physical Education

- First, we will be developing our skills in gymnastics.
- We will develop our understanding of symmetrical and asymmetrical movements

including through body shapes, travelling and movement

• Combining these two create a short group sequence



•On Wednesday's we will be swimming at Lord Butler leisure centre. Here we will develop our water confidence and techniques in front crawl and back stroke.

- Then we will move on to invasion games, which is tag rugby.
- This will include travelling and catching, moving and dodging, tagging and intercepting.



Ways you can help your child:

- Visit playgrounds and climb, jump and swing on different pieces of equipment
- Visit local outdoor gyms to develop core strength and move in different ways
- Practice passing a ball in the garden or local park

My Independence

Skills for Life

 Our first topic will be food technology where we will be focussed on using the oven safely.



- We will cook a range of dishes that might be known to us for dinner times and discuss how to pre-heat the oven, follow health and safety guidance including using oven gloves.
- Moving on to look at emergency services and how they can help us.

Work Related Learning

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- In PSHE we will focus on self-awareness including prejudice and discrimination
- Much of our learning is focussed around identify our helpful and unhelpful behaviours and using zones of regulation to be able to match our emotions to these behaviours
- We will also be looking at our EHCP and the targets which we need to work together as well as who can help us achieve these.
- Moving on to link with our learning about emergency services, we will discuss public and private and expected behaviours in these places.

Ways you can help your child:

- Involve them in cooking healthy meals at home, such as supporting them to use the oven
- Shop for and try healthier alternatives to some of your favourite foods
- Talk about their targets and how they could also be working on these at home, you could send in photos via class dojo of them working towards their goals



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My Community

Religious Education

- In autumn 2 we will explore the life of Buddha
- Exploring who was Siddhartha Gautama and his journey towards enlightenment.
- And the life and teaching of the Dalai Lama.

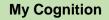
Cultural Development

- We start the year with a very important topic of mental health and wellbeing.
- Mirroring many aspects in PSHE we will be looking at ourselves and our needs and helpful ways we can take care of our minds.
- This will be linked to our new 'project time' sessions where pupils have the opportunity to participate in an activity they enjoy or learn something new.



Ways you can help your child:

- Watch the Life Of Buddha BBC docu-film and compare to the way we live our lives
- Encourage your child to engage in different types of leisure activities when they are at home such as playing game, drawing
- Talk about their interests and what they might want to learn more about, you could let us know what they might like to focus on in project time.



- In maths we will be using a range of equipment to recognise and represent numbers to 100.
- Moving on to applying that knowledge to the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Science



Maths

• Our Science unit in Aut 1 will look into the career of a forensic scientist. Learning and investigating the different scientific

methods they use to help the police with solving crimes.
 Then we will learn about animal classification, comparing and describing the life cycles of various types of animals, the role of

inheritence including Darwin's theory of evolution.
Computing

The core theme of E-safety runs as a continually thread throughout our Computing lessons. This term we will be exploring several e-safety concepts including: Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle, Self-Image and Identity, Online Bullying, Online Relationships, Online Reputation, Copyright and Ownership, Managing Online Information, Privacy and Security. Later in the term we will look into recording videos and editing them.

History

 In history we are learning about the Romans, we'll explore how the Roman Empire was created, the Roman invasion of Britain, The differences and similarities between the celts and romans, along with understanding conflicts and key people including Boudica and Julius Caesar.

Geography

 In Geography we will be exploring the continent of Africa. Developing our understanding of the varied landscape of Africa, including urban and natural environments, the impact of population and diversity across Africa. As well as looking at similarities and differences between Africa and here in the UK.

Ways you can help your child:

- Talk about numbers when you see them, how many tens and ones are they made up of?
- Use a calculator whilst shopping to add up how much it is going to cost
- Visit the museum of zoology and join their guided tour 'From Darwin to Dodos'





Art and Design

 We will discover the history behind African Masks including studying the work of Chief Jimoh Buraimoh and using his designs as inspiration to create our own African mask.



Design Technology

- In Autumn 2 we will begin a t-shirt printing project.
- Exploring a variety of textiles and the best materials and methods for printing on them
- Designing our own printing blocks to create our very own custom t-shirt.



Forest School

We'll be visiting the forest school each week to access outdoor learning and further our application of our social, moral and cultural understanding in a range of contexts.
This term we will explore mental health, identifying and communicating emotions to develop our emotional regulation, exploring calming strategies, understanding difference and neurodiversity linked to our PSHE and Cultural Development outcomes.

Ways you can help your child:

- Practice drawing masks with different design shapes and features
- Practice shading with colouring pencils using a variety of techniques to improve fine motor skills
- You may want to be brave and try out dying older clothes to give them a re-vamp or even try some tie-dye!