



Lapwings Class Curriculum Overview — Term 1 and 2

Discover:
ANCESTORS

English—

We will begin the year by studying a book called Ruby's Worry where the children will be exploring their own feelings, developing their vocabulary and retelling the story in their own words. We will then use two books related to our project work (Lila and the Secret of the Rain and The Toy Museum) as a basis for developing writing skills, focusing in particular on punctuation, vocabulary and adding detail to our sentences. The children will also have the opportunity to use drama to explore the stories and characters.

'Daily phonics lessons will continue in Year One and Year two groupings. Please make sure you are reading daily at home.

Maths—

This term we will begin with a focus on Number and Place Value. Ensuring the children are confident with their counting forwards, and backwards as well as in 2's, 5's and 10's. Children will be sorting, representing and comparing groups of objects and numbers and identifying one or ten more and one or 10 less than given numbers.

We will then move onto applying our understanding of number and place value to addition and subtraction.

Science—

Throughout the year we shall be observing changes across the 4 seasons. This term we shall be focusing on Autumn. This will involve us using our wonderful environment looking for signs that Autumn is here.

We will also be learning about animals including humans. The children will identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

PE— This term Lapwings will have their PE sessions on a Monday and Thursday. The focus this term is Co-ordination and team games. In Term 2 the focus will be dance. **Please come to school on Mondays and Thursdays in your PE kits.**



History—

Our History work in Term 1 and 2 is especially important as the focus of our Discover project.

The focus of Term 1 will be families and we will begin to explore simple timelines and family trees. We will be thinking about what life was like for our Ancestors compared to our experiences now. We will also analyse and compare photographs from the past and present. We will be comparing toys from the past and toys we play with now, and we are hoping to have a visit from a Toy Museum!

Then, in Term 2 we will be learning about three important women from history: Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Emily Davison. We will be placing them on a timeline and comparing photographs of them with photographs of our own family. We will be learning about the kindness that these women showed and how they made a difference to others.

PSHE- This term's focus is 'Being Me in My World'

We will be identifying some of our hopes and fears for the year.

We will understand the rights and responsibilities of being a member of Lapwings and Plumpton School and what to do if we are worried.

Computing —We will be using a programme called Purple Mash to hone the children's understanding of coding, and to improve their articulation of key points relating to e-safety.

Art and DT — Children will continue to produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. We will continue to develop our drawing,

Music - In Term 1 we will be learning harvest songs in preparation for our Harvest celebration. In Term 2 we will begin preparing for our Nativity performance.

RE - During term one, we will be looking at the religion of Islam and exploring what Muslims believe and how this makes a difference to how they live. The children will learn about Muslims belief in Allah as the one true God and we will learn the words to the Shahadah. We will also explore stories of the prophet Muhammed and think about how these stories inspire people today. As December approaches, we will begin to study the Christian Nativity story as we prepare for the popular KS1 Nativity performance.

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Reading Diaries:

Please listen to your children read at home as often as possible. We recommend at least 4 times a week. Children are encouraged to move their names up the class reading rocket that is displayed in class each time that they read. All children that read at home at least 4 times per week will be contributing to the classes 'reading star thermometer' so please remember to record in the reading record every time your child reads at home. In addition to reading aloud to you, reading to your child every day is so helpful in developing their reading skills, and overall love of reading.

You can also support your child at home by:

- A) Logging onto TT Rockstars (Y2) or playing the free maths games at www.ictgames.com—especially focus on the Number and Place Value games this term, such as Shark Numbers or Dino Sorts.
- B) Supporting your child to complete any other home learning tasks that maybe set.

Our school website address is:

www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk

PE: PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays this term. Children need to come to school in their PE kits on these days and will wear kits all day.

Key Dates:

Tuesday 13th September—Chartwells Healthy Eating Workshop

Thursday 15th September—Lapwing Class Meet

Friday 16th September—Forest School For Year 1 begins

W/C Monday 26th September—NSPCC workshops

Tuesday 4th October—Harvest Festival—see letter for information

Wednesday 5th October—Brighton Toy Museum Workshop (in school) TBC

W/C Monday 17th October—Parent Consultations—info to follow

Wednesday 19th October—Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)

Thursday 20th October—last day of term for children

Friday 21st October—INSET day—no school for pupils

Monday 31st October —First day back of Term 2

Friday 16th December—Last day of Term 2

This term's topic is

Ancestors



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Parents' Information