

Foundation Phase 2 Spring Term 2019

Welcome back and Happy New Year! This is a brief explanation of what you can expect this term. Last term was AMAZING! The transition into the New Curriculum, inspired by Donaldson has been fantastic. The children are really reaching their potential, becoming more independent and resilient. The staff are working very hard to plan and organise a wealth of exceptional learning experiences and opportunities for your child. The children are an absolute delight to teach! We are very proud of each and every pupil and thank you for your continued support as always.

This term our topic will be 'Living Things'.

Subject	Description	Extra Info
LLC : Literacy, Language & Communication	We will be learning how to write Explanation Genre and Story Writing (Narrative) Genre. We will focus on grammar, punctuation and using a Thesaurus to extend our word choices. We will be following the RWI scheme, learning sounds and spelling patterns appropriate to your child's stage through a Multisensory approach. Spellings will be sent home weekly to learn. We have a Vets Role Play area to develop our Oracy skills and a range of independent reading/writing activities in the Continuous Provision area. (CP)	Listen to your child read and write a comment in their diary. Practice spellings
MD: Mathematical Development	Children will be developing their ability to compare numbers, add and subtract using mental and written methods. They will make estimates, apply their knowledge and skills to problem solving tasks (including number and measure), explain their strategies and check their answers. They will also explore multiplication and division, sort and classify objects and record data in lists, tables and graphs. There will be a range of maths activities and games in the Continuous Provision area.	Explore and talk about Maths around us – numbers, time, length, weight, capacity, shape.
Expressive Arts (Music, Art and Drama)	ART: We will be learning how to draw flowers/plants through Observational Art using a range of mixed media and medium. We will be making clay flowers and painting animals. We will be comparing artwork to artists and we will visit the Glynn Art Gallery to work with an artist. MUSIC- We will be learning how to play instruments and compose music. We will study the composer Karl Jenkins and take part in school services.	Visit to Glynn Vivian Art Gallery

	DRAMA- Vets Role Play Area/ Outdoor stage area to act out stories and acting skills.	
Humanities (History and Geography)	Children will explore the features of farms through a range of activities and resources including a story and possible trip to a farm. They will also learn about some working animals from the past and present.	Visit to Cadle Farm
Welsh	Children will be learning key patterns and we will focus on how to describe animals, illnesses and prepositions. Fflic and Fflac will help us in our learning through ICT packages, games and reading materials.	
RE	Children will continue to explore the new diocesan resource Understanding Christianity. They will make links to this, the world today and their own lives. Their work will become part of a whole school frieze to represent the work they have covered.	This is a whole diocese initiative.
PE	Children will be learning Welsh Folk dance in the hall. Our outside PE will be Tennis. Children will develop their catching, throwing and batting skills.	PE will take place on a Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in.
IT	In the Digital Zone, children will be using HWB as a search tool. YEAR 2 children will have passwords which can only be accessed in school. The children will be learning about Internet Safety. Children will use Word documents and practice typing skills. Children will learn about Animation and use our topic as a focus.	
Science	Children will be learning about how plants and animals grow. We will be doing an investigation to see which seeds grow the tallest. We will be looking at life cycles and sorting animals.	
PSD	We will be following the Social and emotional aspects of learning (SEAL) scheme. Visit by Blind Association. Visit by RSPB who will help us find biodiversity within our school context.	We will be visited by a member of the Blind Association with their Guide dog to help the children understand how animals can be important in helping us.

We are asking for a donation of £4.50 to cover the cost of fruit and our cooking activities. Please feel free to pay for the year or in small instalments if this helps you.

We are very proud of our EPIC curriculum. This is where your children complete challenges using a range of Literacy and Maths skills across the curriculum that have been transferred from discreet sessions. EPIC allows the skills to be consolidated and extended within our Creative Zone inside as well as the five zones outdoors. Your child will be outside so please bring their coat in daily. In colder weather, gloves, hat and a scarf will be beneficial. Your child will be encouraged to be Creative,

Independent and Resilient. We try to encourage the children to wear aprons, wellies and protective clothing but the children are learning ... Learning can be messy!

Our door is always open, if you have any concerns, questions or celebrations please feel free to pop in. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

FP2 Team - Miss Herbert – Foundation Phase Leader

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