

Local Area



Summer Term 2019

We hope that this overview of this half term's topics will provide you with ideas of how to help your child with their learning.

This half term our main topic focus will be:

Our Local Area.

Geography

We will be learning about the local area around our school.

We will teach the children to;

- Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.
- Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features around our school and their homes.

We will locate the Corbett Hospital, Amblecote Church, The Ruskin Centre, The Glass Cone and the Canal Waterways on an OS map.

PSHE/SEAL:

Our theme this term is 'Changes'. This will help to prepare the children for their transition into the next class.

RE

We will be learning about Christianity and Islam and why people belong to a faith.

Science

We will be carrying out a variety of investigations linked to the local area and **Identifying and naming a variety of plants and animals in their habitats in our local area.**

Art and Design

We will study nature found art and make still life observations in our local area.

We will explore different media including clay.

ICT

We will continue to teach the children about internet safety. Please support your children in this area.

We will use Google Maps to explore images of the local area and find significant places close to our school.

<http://www.google.co.uk/search?q=woodlands+kent+nfgl>

This is an excellent website to support your child in all areas of their learning.

Literacy

Alongside non-fiction texts to support the local area study, we will use a range of different books by different authors to explore story writing, letters and poetry.

Maths

The children will continue to work on number, calculations, shape, money and measures.

The **National Curriculum** in Mathematics demands that Key Stage One children are able to tell the time using an **analogue** clock at o'clock, half past, quarter past and to the hour and five minute intervals. This is a life skill which needs to be used daily in

school and at home. Please can we encourage children to wear an analogue watch.

Thank-you to those of you who have purchased an analogue watch. We can already see in a difference in the children's ability to tell the time.

- Please continue to use Doodle Maths and TT Rockstars. Regular use will really sharpen your child's mental maths capacity.

Reading and Writing:

- Read with your child **every day** and discuss the story and asking questions. **Please sign the diary every day.**
- Build sentences using key words and write them down using a capital letter and full stop.
- Please continue to practise the Common Exception words.
- Collect and read information leaflets on the **local area.**

Reading Champions:

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading champion challenges. The children have been sharing their journals and talking enthusiastically about the stories. Remember – Summer Term Gold Challenge reward will be announced in the near future.