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Middle Phase Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support during the Autumn term. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and look forward to working with you again in 2019.

| Topic Focus | Our Wonderful World |
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| Subject | Main Learning Focus |
| English/Literacy | This term we will be using a variety of texts to support our learning. We will particularly focus on The Animals of Farthing Wood. We will write in a range of genres and have a variety of opportunities for speaking and listening. We will also be developing our understanding of grammar and sentence structure. |
| Maths | This term we will be developing our understanding of multiplication including multiplying by 1, 0 and multiplying 3 numbers mentally. By the end of the year, it is expected that children can recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. We will also be developing our understanding of written methods for multiplication and division. We will then be learning about fractions including addition, subtraction and identifying equivalent fractions. |
| Science | This half term we will be identifying living things using a classification key. We will then look at the different environments in which living things live, including our own school grounds. After half term we will think more about the dangers to these living things and what we can do to help. |
| RE | Children will have the opportunity to learn about Christianity. The areas covered will include God as a creator alongside the creation story and why Christians pray. Next half term we will have the focus on the Church, looking at individual features and what makes churches different to each other as well as learning the history of the church. |
| Computing | In Computing we will be using the Internet to find about habitats and food chains. This will help us to develop our research skills. We will be sharing the images and information using presentation software. We will be considering the use of fonts and colours as well as the layout of our information. |
| PSHE | During this half term, children will be learning about risk. They will learn about different types of risk and how to manage risk. Next half term, we will be learning about different types of drugs and how to keep ourselves safe. |
| Art and DT | In Art, we will be exploring the artist Hannah Dale. She focusses her art on animals, specifically the Lincolnshire countryside. From this we will be creating our own painting in her style linking to our habitats topic and using our DT skills to frame our pictures. |
| Geography and History | After our extensive work on the Romans and the Anglo Saxons in the Autumn term, this term in Geography, we will be looking at different environments in order to understand what lives there. This will be linked to our Science work. We will also be developing our fieldwork skills. We will learn about creating field sketches and how to record information about what a place is like and where it is located. |
| Music | In Music this term the children will continue to listen and respond to a range of music showcasing instruments of the orchestra. The children will play and compose ostinato melodies on tuned instruments. They will continue to learn to play ukuleles and develop their musical performance skills. They will sing in a variety of styles with confidence, singing an increasing number of songs from memory. |
| PE | <u>Year 3</u> During the Spring term, Year 3 will be swimming every Friday. Children will have the opportunity to work towards skills 1, 2 or 3 depending on their current ability. <u>Year 4</u> Our inside PE will be gymnastics. Children will have the opportunity to develop their rhythm, balance and co-ordination. |
| MFL | Next term, along with learning the names of days of the week and months of the year we will be looking at other seasonal things including the items of clothing, initially those worn by snowmen. |

Important Dates

Family Worker Drop In Wednesday 16th January 9.00am
School Disco Thursday 17th January 2019
Middle Beech Assembly Wednesday 23rd January 9.15am
Middle Cedar Assembly Wednesday 30th January 9.15am
'Open Classrooms' Tuesday 5th February 3.30 – 5.00pm
(this is an opportunity to come and view your child's work)
Parent Consultations 13th February and 14th February
Half Term 18th – 22nd February
Family Worker Drop In Wednesday 27th February 9.00am
Middle Willow Assembly Wednesday 6th March 9.15am
Middle Maple Assembly Wednesday 20th March 9.15am
Y4 Grafham Information Meeting Thursday 21st March 5.00pm
Y3/Y4 Concert Monday 25th March
Y3/Y4 Concert Tuesday 26th March
Y3/Y4 Concert Wednesday 27th March

Homework

Please be aware that there will be a small change to the way homework is sent home. From now on it will all be detailed on one sheet.

Homework Club

Homework club takes place every Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. All children are welcome to attend this club. If you would like your child to be reminded to attend homework club, please send a message into your child's class teacher.

Learning Log

Children will be set an open ended task every two weeks (approximately). Children will be given the opportunity to share their learning with their friends in class.

We were really impressed with the quality of the homework that the children completed last year. It was lovely to see the different and creative ways that the children tackled the tasks.

| Due in | Sent home |
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| | 11 th January |
| 23 rd January | 25 th January |
| 6 th February | |
| Half term | |
| | 1 st March |
| 13 th March | 15 th March |
| 27 th March | |

Spellings

At the end of last term, we completed a second spelling test of the first 40 words from the national curriculum word list for Years 1/2 and Years 3/4. The children worked really hard to learn these words and made great progress. We will continue to spend time in class learning these words, but it would reinforce the children's understanding if they had the opportunity to work on these at home. We will continue to monitor progress and repeat the spelling test at the end of the Spring term.

Times tables

By the end of Year 4, it is expected that children will be able to recall multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12. To support their learning in class, we will continue to send times table homework home each week. If your child knows the times table that they have been given for the week, the aim will be to increase the speed and fluency that they can complete the tasks. Some weeks children will be given times tables to learn and other weeks, they will be given times tables tests to check their progress and understanding.

PE days/kits

Year 3 and 4 children will require a full PE kit suitable for outdoor sports on Mondays. In addition Year 4 will have an indoor PE session on Fridays.

Swimming - Year 3

Children will go swimming every Friday for 10 weeks. Swimming lessons start on the 18th January and end on the 29th March. They need to have a swimming costume and towel packed in a separate bag. Children may take goggles, but they may not always be able to use them.

Parental Help

In the autumn term, we were extremely lucky to have so much parental help and support. If you or a close family member are able to offer regular or occasional help this year, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are particularly looking for individuals that are happy to read on a 1:1 basis with children or to accompany the Year 3 children swimming.

Reading

Children will be continuing to use Accelerated Reader (AR). This is an online system where children take quizzes on the books that they have read. Children will be given AR targets to try and meet. When they reach these targets, they will be given a certificate and can help their class to earn rewards.

If you would like to check whether a book from home / the library is on AR, you can use the following link:
<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

Spring Performance

This term, children in the middle phase will be preparing and rehearsing for their spring concert. The dates of the concert are to be confirmed but will take place in the week beginning 25th March 2019.

Additional information will be sent home in due course.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Rayner, Mr Whitehouse, Mrs Wood, Mrs Green, Mr Wilson, Mrs Henson and Miss McAuley