

Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Courtney Detective Agency

Year 2 Term 1 2017-18 Teacher: Miss Elmore

English

In English we are reading Traditional Tales such as The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. We will also be looking at the other side of these well-known stories, and writing our own alternative versions.

We will be concentrating on developing our vocabulary and our understanding of grammar by writing descriptions of character and settings. We will be learning about structuring sentences correctly as well as how to identify and use verbs, adjectives and nouns.

In phonics we will be looking at how sounds can be written in different ways.

Maths

In maths we will be working on our understanding of the size of numbers. We will be splitting numbers up in to their tens and ones and representing them in a variety of ways, which will lead on to ordering and comparing numbers.

We will then move on to adding and subtracting numbers and money and improving our ability to work out word problems. As always there is a whole school focus on developing our children's reasoning and problem solving skills.

Science

This term our Science topic is 'Materials', which we will link to our work in English, Art/DT and History.

We will be looking at the properties and uses of various materials, and comparing their suitability for different functions. We will be thinking about how to do a fair test as we carry out various experiments in class.

Our 'Big Issue' this term is Reduce Reuse Recycle, which means we will be looking at how and why we recycle materials to help the environment.

Art/DT

In Art we will be looking at the work of local street artist Banksy and having a go at creating our own prints – all legally though, promise!

In DT we will be designing and creating puppets inspired by our work in English on Traditional Tales.

History

In History we will be looking at how Kingswood has changed over time, particularly buildings and homes.

If any grandparents have been living in the area for a long time and have any pictures/memories they would like to share we would love to hear about it 😊

Geography

This term we will be exploring the local area and the school. We will be developing skills such as fieldwork and creating maps, as well as data collecting.

If you have any long journeys you will be taking with your child it would be great to explore a map of the route you will be taking with them.

Computing

In computing this term we will be looking at online safety to ensure that all children are prepared for using the internet safely. It would be great if you could have this talk at home as well please 😊

RE

In RE we will be thinking about who and what is important to us.

We will also be learning about Harvest Festival.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be following a new scheme of work called "Jigsaw" which focuses on 6 key themes. This term we will be thinking about "Being me in my world".

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is "We are resilient and celebrate all our efforts." Our learning to learn character is the tortoise.

PE

As a school we follow the "Real PE" scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in games. On Wednesdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. On Mondays they will have PE with me.

If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! This topic sheet is to give you an idea of what your child is doing at school this term, and how you can help support their learning at home.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the welcome session during the first week of term – it was great to meet you. I'm really excited for the upcoming year and the things we will be achieving together as a class this term.

To support your child please encourage your child to:

- read every day and remember to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day – lets start getting those certificates for our new reading scheme!
- learn their multiplication tables as part of our Multiplication Masters programme.
- take opportunities to try out their maths and English as much as possible – telling the time, writing letters etc
- do their homework and hand it in on time! Homework will be given every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday at the very latest.

It would help the children enormously if there are any parents or grandparents who are able to lend a hand in class – the children always absolutely love it when we have helpers in. If you could spare even 30 minutes at the start or end of the school day, or any other time, then please do get in touch – it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about what we will be learning then just let me know. Here's to a great start to the year ☺
Best wishes,

Miss Elmore