

Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Am I leading a healthy life?

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English

In English we are working on two fantastic books which are written from the perspective of crayons! We will use this as inspiration for our own persuasive letters and other extended writing opportunities.

We will be improving our understanding of grammar by looking at different sentence types and how to identify them.

In Guided Reading we are increasing our fluency and developing our ability to answer questions about a text.

In Phonics we are focusing on applying our knowledge of how a sound can be written down in different ways.

Maths

In mathematics our work will focus on money and geometry: properties of shapes.

We will begin by counting, comparing and calculating various amounts of money – a very useful skill indeed! Any help with this at home would be very useful and greatly appreciated.

We will learn how to identify, describe and group both two dimensional and three dimensional shapes

Finally, we will be working at greater depth on how to apply our understanding to solve word problems.

Science

This term our Science topic is ‘Health and Humans’.

We will begin by looking at how animals and humans have offspring which grow into adults – what came first, the chicken or the egg?!

The children will then look to identify what they need to survive and what else they might need to be comfortable and happy.

Finally, we will learn how to keep healthy hearts and the impact that exercise has on this.

Art/DT

In DT we will be doing a cookery unit with cross curricular links to our Topic and Science work. We will be learning all about where food comes from.

We will then be designing our own healthy pizzas and writing instructions on how to make them. Finally, we will be making and tasting the pizzas – for research purposes only of course!

Topic

Our topic this term is ‘Healthy Me’ and we will be exploring it with learning across the curriculum. Through a number of activities we will discover how to keep our bodies healthy and fighting fit.

Our overall aim is to understand the benefits of physical activity, rest, healthy eating and dental health.

History

Our history lessons will focus on the lives of significant individuals across time, namely Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

We will be learning about what they are famous for and the impact that their actions had on life as we know it today.

Computing

In computing this term we will be focusing on how to stay safe when using the internet. This year’s Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 7th February with the theme: “Be the change: unite for a better internet.”

RE

In RE we will be learning about how religious stories from the bible teach Christians how to care for other people. This will include stories such as “The Good Samaritan” and “Zacchaeus the Tax Collector.”

PSHE

In PSHE we will be making links to our Science and Topic work about what constitutes a healthy lifestyle and how to take care of ourselves. We will also work on developing strategies to manage our feelings.

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is “We set ourselves ambitious targets and dare to have big dreams.” Our crown value animal is the cat.

PE

On Tuesdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. They will be doing dance. On Mondays we will be further developing our body movements in gymnastics.

If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.

Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all! I am excited to see what this new term will bring for Ash class and look forward to sharing their successes with you. After a festive break filled with indulging our new topic “Healthy Me” couldn’t have come at a better time – I will certainly be trying to whip myself back into shape alongside the children!

As mentioned previously, to support your child please encourage them to:

- read every day and remember to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day – we’ve had lots of children get their first Reading 5s certificate and it would be great to get some more.
- learn their multiplication tables as part of our Multiplication Masters programme – we had some great successes with this in term 2 and the children are really excited and involved with the programme.
- take opportunities to try out their maths and English as much as possible – using money, 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.

Lastly, it would help the children enormously if there are any parents or grandparents who are able to lend a hand in class or listen to readers. 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.

Best wishes,

Miss Elmore