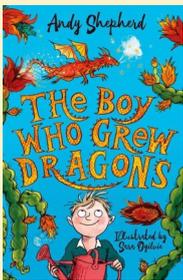


St James' Church of England Primary School

Curriculum Overview– Elephant Class– Autumn Term 1



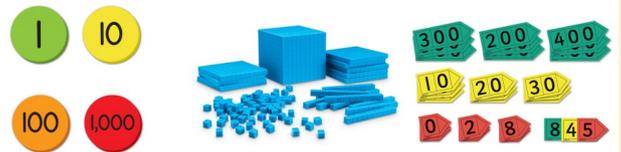
ENGLISH



This term we're starting off with some classic poetry– The Listeners by Walter De La Mare. This is a spooky and atmospheric poem that the children are just loving. It should provide the basis for some great independent poems later in the term! After poetry, we'll be moving on to non-fiction writing connected with our work on Ancient Rome in History. We'll be working on our spelling and handwriting every week, as well as our knowledge of grammar and punctuation, and our reading skills. We'll also be reading and enjoying lots of books as a class, starting with the very funny, 'The Boy who Grew Dragons'.

MATHS

Our first focus this year will be on 'Place Value'. This is about understanding that the 3 in the number 237 is actually worth 30 (or 3 tens). Place Value involves developing skills to be able to compare and order numbers, to round numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 and to use knowledge of Place Value to help us solve calculations. Some of the equipment we'll be using to help us understand this concept are pictured to the right.



Place Value
counters

Base 10
equipment

Arrow cards

HISTORY

Much of this term's learning will be driven by our history focus– Ancient Rome. We will be: looking at artefacts; comparing the mythological and historical accounts of how the city was founded; finding out about the growth of the empire; the emperors of the empire; Roman invention and ingenuity; as well as the Roman invasion of Britain. This will include key events such as Boudicca's rebellion and the building of Hadrian's Wall. We will be consolidating our learning with a visit to Bignor Roman Villa towards the end of the term (more details to follow).



SCIENCE

The children will be exploring light this term in Science; they will think about how light travels and how it affects the way we see things. Children will investigate the phenomena of reflections and shadows, looking for patterns in collected data. The risks associated with looking at the Sun are also explored.

RE

This term, children will be exploring the idea of God as the holy trinity. This will include:

- The Fall – Adam and Eve and temptation
- Moses – ten commandments
- The life of Jesus – teaching and parables
- The role of the Holy Spirit – the Church

RHE

In our RHE lessons, we will be following the Jigsaw unit of learning.

In Terms 1 and 2, the children think about how they can make an impact on the world through their actions and how to celebrate differences, acknowledging we are all special and unique in our own ways.

PE

In PE, the children will:

Play competitive games and to apply the basic principles of attacking and defending within games

Develop netball techniques such as passing, shooting and pivoting

Develop cricket techniques such as bowling, batting and fielding (taught by a specialist teacher)

CLASS ROUTINES

Our PE days are currently Tuesday and Friday. Children are doing a great job of coming into school already in their kits which means that no time is wasted getting changed and they are able to spend the full hour doing PE!

Children have all now been given a school reading book and a reading record. They need to bring these in each day to read during quiet reading sessions. It's really important that these do come in regularly as they can then be updated and changed regularly.

Home learning will be starting in the next few weeks. The most effective support that parents/ carers can give at home is to read with children. With this in mind, home learning each week will consist of:

- Heard read at least 5 times per week
- TTRS 30 minutes per week
- Spellings to be learned weekly

There will also be an optional homework grid with a selection of activities linked to the current learning which children can complete if they would like to. Please bring these into share.

COMMUNICATION

- Please encourage your children to speak to me if they should have any concerns. I will be available at the end of school if you wish to speak to me directly.
- You can also email me on the class email address: elephants@coldwalthamschool.com You should have all received a welcome email from this address. If you haven't please do let me know and I can chase this up. Please allow up to 48 hours (Mon-Fri) for a response.
- In the morning, Mrs Martin or another member of the Senior Leadership Team is available on the school gate if you have a message that you would like to have passed on to me.
- If there is a matter that you need to discuss with me in more detail please make an appointment to discuss this. This can be done by speaking to me at the end of the day to make an appointment or by speaking to the School Office.

