

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you have had a lovely break. Our topic this first half term is Sun, Moon and Earth and Mountains, Hills and Rivers. The second half term is Classifications and A Country in Asia.

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

What we will be doing in school

What could do together at home...

Maths

In maths we are learning about shape, sorting 3D and 2D shapes. We are comparing measure, data handling, calculations, money and time.

Count objects at home with your child, their favourite toys or foods etc. Sing counting songs. Count objects around them, how many would you have if you added some more or took some away? Look out for numbers and shapes in the environment. Talk about what time of day it is. Share with them how to pay for items in a shop.

Humanities

We are looking at landscapes, identifying features such as hills, mountains, rivers etc. we will be looking at maps and around the local area.

We are learning about China; we will be looking at where it is, what foods and clothing come from China, some Chinese customs, what animals originate there and what the weather is like.

Talk about places you are visiting and what is around them i.e. Rivers, hills or fields.

Talk about the places they have been; seaside, on holiday or even visiting friends and family. What was it like there, look at photos together.

Literacy

In literacy we are following the Read Write INC programme. Every session we will practice our phonics (segmenting and blending), letter formation, spelling, reading and writing.

In addition, we will be looking at Non-fiction and Fantasy stories.

Read stories and texts in their environment, ask them if they can find different objects in the pictures. What can they see in the pictures? I see..... Ask them Who is in the picture and where are they?

Encourage the use of verbs and adjectives.

Art

We are going to be looking at art from around the world including looking at Chinese printing, making patterns with different printing techniques.

Look at different printed patterns around the home or out and about.

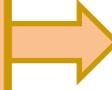
Play with paints and playdough and create patterns with different colours and shapes.

Look at different pictures of animals and talk about their different colours.

Science

We will be looking at the Sun, moon and Earth and what their properties are.

We will be looking at how to sort objects into groups and identify the properties that define different groups.



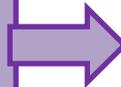
Discuss whether the sun or moon is in the sky; is it day or night time? Talk about the time of day and the events that may be coming up in the week or at the weekend.

Talk about the properties different objects around the house have; how many legs? What is it made of?

PSHE

We are looking at relationships and how they might differ, who are their friends and who are their adults, what are their roles.

We will be looking at changes and how we can cope with change.



Talk about different people in their lives, what they mean to them and what things they do together.

Talk about people who help them and where they can find them.

Talk about how you are feeling and how they are feeling. Discuss things that make you happy.

Swimming - we will be swimming on a Thursday

Please send your child into school with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap, deodorant and moisturising cream if needed



PE - every Monday and Friday

Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. I as class teacher am also contactable by email, my email is georgina.matthews@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

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