Ellistown Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Leafcutter Block 1

English

This term we will start by looking at the place value of grammar, consolidating the children's knowledge of adjectives, verbs, nouns and becoming aware of specific rules.
Once we have completed this, we will move onto creating a non-chronological report, linked to our topic, where we will be applying our learning from the punctuation, vocabulary and grammar place value unit.
We will also have guided reading four days a week and regular spelling lessons.

Remember to bring your book and a fully charged iPad every day!

Wear your PE kit to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be revising our knowledge of addition and subtraction of smaller numbers. We will then move on to investigating place value to 1000 and use this to help us compare and order numbers.
We will be working really hard to perfect our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Humanities



History will be our focus subject for this block. The title of our unit is How did daily life change in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age? We will be finding answers to the following questions:
What tools did early humans use?
What was life like in a Stone Age Settlement?
Why was bronze used for tools and weapons?

Science

Our topic in Science this half term will be the 'Human Body'
The key questions we will be investigating are:
How does a skeleton help us?
Do our bones affect what we can do?
What do our muscles do?
Do all animals have the same skeleton?
What types of nutrition do we need?

Art

In Art, we will be exploring Mexican pottery design and will use this as inspiration for sculpting our own pots.
In Design Technology, we will be improving our sewing skills and creating fabric pouches inspired by our Stone Age lessons.

Remember to interact with ClassDojo to see the work that goes on in class

PE

PE will be gymnastics and outdoor and adventure activities for this block .



French

This term we will begin learning French. We will practice our listening skills to help us to learn new vocabulary and
We will be learning how to greet others , introduce ourselves and follow instructions.



Music

The children will be learning all about a traditional song which is used to explore rhythm games, compose pentatonic accompaniments and sing in a round, The Children will also be learning the patterns and rhythm to a laid-back rap trap.

PSHE

During PSHE sessions, the children will learn about rights, rules and responsibilities, and the importance of respect. This links to our school values and will assist them in settling back into school.

RE

In RE this term, the children will be looking to answer the questions: What do Christians learn from the Creation story? And What is it like for someone to follow God? This will be done through learning about the concepts of

Learning at Home

At Ellistown this year our homework will be SMART
Spellings - The children will have a copy of their spelling assessment in Dojo, which they should work on at home choosing a few a week to practice and challenge themselves on.
Maths - This year children will have access to Times Table Rockstars to practice their times tables.,
And
Reading
Together - we encourage children to read as often as possible at home with their adults or alone.

Computing

Computing this term will take lots of different avenues. The technical coding side will be done using Scratch Jr on their iPads while other computing sessions will be used to enhance the learning of other subjects using technology to bring the learning to life!