

All Aboard The Magic Carpet! - Terms 5 and 6

Classes 1 & 2

Mathematics

The children will be using numbers to 20 in a variety of games and problem-solving activities. They will be encouraged to create their own number problems and record their work when appropriate. We will be counting on and back in order to add and subtract, and exploring sharing and counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. The children will investigate the concepts of weight, capacity and size, beginning to understand and use the correct vocabulary of comparison. We shall be using simple measurements of time and exploring early language and understanding of money.

Understanding the World

We will be "visiting" different locations and countries, learning about the differences and similarities between themselves and other people while comparing and contrasting features of these places. The children will continue to use ICT to support their learning. They will be encouraged to use the keyboard correctly to write their names and other simple words. Through their building and construction activities the children will be introduced to making plans and recording what they have done. They will be encouraged to choose their own tools and resources, evaluating their work and changing things where necessary. The children will be encouraged to choose appropriate technology tools to record their own work.

Communication and Language

The children will be developing their confidence when talking aloud in different situations. They will be encouraged to extend their vocabulary by learning and using new words relating to our topic. The children will continue to develop the fluency of their speech by giving instructions, explaining their activities and discussing their views and ideas. They will be encouraged to use talk to co-operate and work in groups with other children, as well as asking and answering questions about unfamiliar objects they are introduced to as part of our topic.

R.E.

The children will be talking about places which are special to them leading to discussing the Church as a special place for Christians. We will also briefly look at the special places of other religions, encouraging the children to develop respect for other people's ways of life and their beliefs. The children will be introduced to The Bible as a special book and hear/talk about some of the stories in it.

You can help your child by:

- ❖ Practising their phonemes, word lists and books.
- ❖ Talking about places they have visited and what they saw when they were there.
- ❖ Talking about other countries and how other people live.
- ❖ Using everyday language to compare height, weight, length and size.
- ❖ Logging on to Purple Mash to access a variety of activities.
- ❖ Completing some of the homework tasks.
- ❖ Getting active and logging on to Fitter Future.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will extend their use of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. We will be promoting the children's confidence and independence when using their imagination in different situations, applying the skills and knowledge that they have developed. We shall be extending their knowledge of sounds and sound patterns in music, encouraging them to compose their own simple tunes. The children will be encouraged to talk about the ideas and processes which have led to their final product, talking about features of their own and other's work. We will be looking closely at the work of Mondrian and producing work in his style.

Literacy

The children will continue to use their knowledge of sounds in word-building, blending and segmenting to read and write simple sentences, both independently and with adult support. The children will continue to look at the elements of stories and will be encouraged to retell the main points in the correct order as well as using language patterns such as 'Once upon a time...' The children will be looking at the format of non-fiction books and using this to discover facts and answer questions relating to our topic. The children will write for a variety of purposes.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be encouraged to share information about their own lives, developing an understanding that what they say will be valued by others and treated with respect. The children will be encouraged to express their opinions and points of view appropriately, whilst respecting the thoughts, views and feelings of others. They will be encouraged to persevere with their activities until they have finished them properly, developing greater levels of concentration and self-discipline. We shall provide opportunities for them to gain a greater understanding of their own feelings and emotions, developing their vocabulary to express themselves with clarity and confidence.

Physical Development

The children will be taught to use a range of small apparatus correctly and will begin to play simple team games. They will be listening and moving to a variety of music and will be encouraged to create their own sequences of movement. The children will continue to learn about the importance of keeping healthy and the things which contribute to this. They will be encouraged to think about the changes that occur in their bodies when they have been active and when they are resting. The children will continue to practice the correct formation of letters and numerals.