

Angelico Class Newsletter

September 2016.

A warm welcome to Angelico class! I do hope you all feel relaxed and refreshed after the summer break. I am sure you and your children are all ready to commence the new school year.



I am looking forward to working with you all in what I hope will be an exciting and productive year ahead. I hope your child enjoys the learning approach and the new constructive challenges they will come across in Angelico.

The timetable this year in Angelico is not too different to the previous year. English and Numeracy will predominantly feature in the morning sessions with Topic, PE, RE, French and Computing following in the afternoon.

Below you will find a brief review of this term's learning outline in Literacy, Numeracy and Science:

Literacy

This year we will still be using the power of reading books. Each term we will focus on a different book and we will be starting with 'Tales of Wisdom and Wonder'. As we move through the year we will progress onto more complex texts, with an aim of developing our understanding of texts and enhancing our use of descriptive language/ vocabulary in writing and speaking.

Numeracy

We commence this year focussing on place value of 4-digit numbers and looking at rounding. We will be exploring formal written methods for all 4 operations. There will be a focus on reasoning and problem solving to develop a conceptual understanding of mathematics.

Science

In science this term we will be focussing on sound which should make for a wide range of investigations. In addition, we will be considering the work of famous scientists such as Robert Boyle and Heinrich Hertz.

Topic

This term our topic will be 'Explore, uncover and discover'. This will form the basis for our work completed in history, geography, art and DT. Computing will be taught as a separate subject in line with the new curriculum.

RE

This year RE will be taught by Mrs Holton; they will begin with Judaism looking in detail at worship in the synagogue.

French, Music and PE

French will be taught by Mrs Eglinton on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Witherden will also be taking Angelico for music on a Tuesday where they will be mastering the recorder. PE will

take place on a Tuesday and Friday, so please could you make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit in school.

Home Learning

Children will be set a piece of numeracy and literacy homework each week with the week's topic in that area in mind. This will be set on a Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday. Home learning is reviewed regularly to ensure understanding. I would encourage children to complete their homework on time and with appropriate effort and presentation. Unfortunately, if homework is not completed children would be required to attend homework club.

Reading

Reading is an important part of a child's development and your support is truly valued. I ask that you spend 15 minutes each evening listening to your child read. Choosing books for children to read can often prove a difficult task so please do not hesitate to discuss this with me, I am more than happy help in this area. Children will have a reading book that links to Accelerated Reader at an appropriate book level. Your child will also be given a contact book. The main purpose for this book is for you to record their reading (name of book, author, pages read and any comments about their reading you think would be of help). It may also be used to write any information, comments or concerns you may want to raise.

Spelling

Spellings will require children to practice and apply these both at home and at school.

Numeracy

Times table and mental arithmetic tests will be completed weekly.

Dates for the calendar:

Term 1

Friday 30th September – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 2pm

Wednesday 19th October – Parents Evening 3:40 – 6:00pm

Thursday 20th October – Parents Evening 5:00 – 7:30pm

Thursday 20th October – End of term 1

Term 2

Monday 31st October – Term 2 begins

Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church 2pm

Some dates may be subject to change. If this occurs we will endeavour to notify you at the earliest possibility.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mr Hart