

Angelico Class Newsletter

January 2017



Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

The timetable will largely be staying the same in Angelico with only a few small changes. English and Numeracy will still 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 term we will be looking at poetry with a focus on the use of similes and other simple techniques to create a vivid picture for a reader. Children will be exploring and developing their own similes. This activity will evolve into the creation of poems, experimenting with the use of similes and metaphors.

Numeracy

We will be beginning this term looking at different forms of data both discrete and continuous. Later in the term we will be looking at more work involving fractions. There will still be a focus on reasoning and problem solving to develop a conceptual understanding of mathematics.

Science

In science this term we will be looking at Animals and Humans. We will be looking at the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive systems in humans, as well as identifying different types of teeth in humans and their purpose. There will be a focus on a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Topic, DT and Art

This term our topic will be 'Wild Weather'. In these sessions we will be looking at flooding in different countries but our study will involve a specific consideration of Bangladesh and how people can adapt and learn to use these experiences to their advantage. This topic will link well with our DT project to create a floating garden which will allow children to build, test, critique and then re-test their designs. Art will be looking at the work of Andy Warhol, with particular focus on his Mount Vesuvius piece. We will be using this as a base to help develop drawing, painting, sculpture and other techniques. Computing will be taught as a separate subject in line with the new curriculum.

RE

This term the children will be looking at Christianity with a focus on worship in church and different denominations.

French, Music and PE

French will now be taught by myself on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Witherden will still be taking Angelico for music on a Tuesday where children continuing to master the recorder. PE will still 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 each individual's 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

Spelling tasks will require children to practice the correct spelling of words and to apply these both at home and at school.

Numeracy

Times table and mental arithmetic tests will be completed weekly.

Dates for the calendar:

Term 3

7th February - Safer Internet Day

6th February - Parents Evening (3.30 – 6.00)

8th February - Parents Evening (5.00 – 7.30 pm)

9th February - End of Term 3

10th February INSET Day

Term 4

20th February - Start of Term 4

28th March - Music Celebration 2pm at St Mary's Church

31st March - End of Term 4

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