

Class EF- Autumn half term one –Planning

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to an exciting year full of learning. At times this term Class EF will be learning through topic based work. They will be looking back at how life was for children during World War 2. This will provide our children with background knowledge of how and why the war took place and to be able to empathise with the war-time children.

Literacy	Children will be looking at non-fiction texts - instructions - and will think about why it is important to follow them correctly and how to write their own. They will begin to look at different authors and letter and will write their own letters.
Numeracy	During this half term we will be counting and partitioning 2 & 3 digit numbers, learning addition and subtraction facts for pairs of numbers that total 100, classifying shapes and identifying lines of symmetry, organising and interpreting data in charts and graphs and measuring and comparing length in metres ,centimetres and millimetres.
PE	We will be learning to build general body fitness through aerobic exercise and developing skills to play invasion games such as football. We will also include some outdoor orienteering.
RE	We will be finding out about Sikhism, looking at their way of life and what is special to them.
Science	The children will be studying and comparing how animal and human skeletons differ and how the human body manages to stay healthy.
Computing	Graphic addition and text presentation. Children will use a range of software packages to enhance the presentation of text. They will also have an opportunity to practise their research skills on the internet. They will be learning new coding skills
History/ Geography	We will be looking at when the Second World war took place – why & when, and which countries were involved. Within this we will be using maps and atlases to find out where all these countries are within the world.
Music	Throughout the term we will be learning about pattern and rhythm and the children will have an opportunity to create their own composition.
Art	We will be focusing on using different skills and how to use printing & pattern with fabric and shape. Some Art will be based on the WW2 topic.
French	Our French teacher will teach basic French vocabulary throughout the year.

Reading Folders. There will be a new reading record diary given to each child that you can use to make any comments when you listen to them read at home. Please listen to your child read on a regular basis as this will help to develop the skills of reading and understanding. To encourage better understanding you could ask your child some of the following example questions: Who is the book about? What happens? What do you think will happen next? Where does the story take place? Which character do/don't you like? Why? Your child needs to make sure that they have their book with them every day as we will listen to them read, or they will read independently, at different times throughout the week.

Homework. Homework will be handed out with an accompanying note to explain the task. The tasks set will give your child the opportunity to practise what they have learnt in class or will prepare them for the following week's learning. This will usually be literacy or numeracy- given on a **Thursday** which needs to be back to school by **Monday** morning please.

PE kit. This term PE will be on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday morning. Please make sure that your child has suitable kit in school, especially suitable footwear for outdoor PE. These kits can stay in school and will be sent home each ½ term for washing. All children will participate in PE lessons unless a note from a parent/carer is provided.

If you have any questions, or would like to come in to help with reading in school, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Mrs E Fella – Year 3 class teacher

