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Together we *learn*, *grow* and *dream*

Half-Termly Curriculum Snapshot

Bumblebees - Autumn 2

Our Topic for this Half-Term: Where am I in the world?

Key Learning Highlights

Here's a glimpse into the exciting learning journey your child will embark on this half-term, covering all aspects of the National Curriculum:

 English:

- What we're reading: How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson and Where Wishes Flew by Michael Morpurgo.
- What we're writing: Developing descriptive narratives.
- Key skills:
- Year 2: Expanded noun phrases, using a wider range of co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions.
- Year 3: Prepositional phrases, fronted adverbials, using a wider range of co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions, paragraphing around a theme.

 Mathematics:

- Main topics:

Year 2

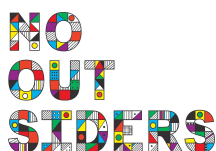
Addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers with exchanges, up to 100; Multiplication and division of 2s, 5s and 10s.

- Key skills: Applying problem-solving strategies, developing mental fluency and reasoning mathematically.

Year 3

Addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers with exchanges, up to 1000; Multiplication and division of 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s, and 10s.

- Key skills: Applying problem-solving strategies, developing mental fluency and reasoning mathematically.



Science:

- Main topics: States of Matter
- Key questions: What are the key differences between solids, liquids and gases? What effect does temperature have? How does water change state in the water cycle?
- Engaging Activities: Active learning; melting, freezing and heating experiments.
- Prior Learning Connection: Everyday Materials

Geography: Where in the world am I?

- Big Ideas: Equator; northern and southern hemispheres; Arctic and Antarctic Circle; Greenwich Meridian and time zones.
- Engaging Activities: Google Earth.
- Prior Learning Connection: Locating countries of the world; knowledge of the UK and Kenya.

Art & Design:

Taught in Autumn 1.

Design & Technology:

Focus: Designing and making a pizza; healthy eating and food nutrition.

- Key Skills: Planning, designing, making and evaluating; following a recipe.

Music:

- Focus: Learning to play the glockenspiel; listening and appraising different genres.
- Key Skills: Performing, listening and understanding musical elements.

Physical Education (PE):

Focus: Gymnastics - Arching and Bridging

- Key Skills: Balance and Co-ordination.

Bumblebees' PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.

Computing:

- Focus: Audio Editing
- Key Skills: Creating media, by focusing on the recording and editing of sound.

Religious Education (RE):

- Focus: Exploring the Jewish faith's festivals and practices.
- Key Skills: Understanding, Comparing and Contrasting.

Relationships & Health Education (RHE) & PSHE: HeartSmart & No Outsiders

- Focus: This half-term, we will be continuing our work with HeartSmart, focusing on

'Don't Forget to Let Love In' - understanding emotions and kindness.

- Key Learning: Feeling loved; celebrating strengths and achievements; uniqueness; being grateful for our bodies; good hygiene and hand washing.
- We will also integrate our No Outsiders programme, promoting inclusivity, celebrating diversity, and ensuring every child feels valued and belongs within our school family.
- Key No Outsiders text: Splash - Claire Cashmore (Year 2)
- Key No Outsiders learning: Respectful relationships: The importance of self-respect and how this links to our own happiness.
- Key No Outsiders text: We're all wonders - RJ Palacio (Year 3)
- Key No Outsiders learning: Respectful relationships: The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from us or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs.

Supporting Learning at Home -

Your partnership is invaluable! Here are simple ways you can support your child's learning this half-term:

- Read Together: Share stories, non-fiction books, and discuss what you're reading. Listen to your child read their free reading or Phonics book and sign their reading diary.
- Supporting homework, including helping your child log onto TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Play Maths games on the Top Marks or NRICH websites. Practise reading and spelling the common exception words.
- Talk About It: Ask your child about their Geography and Science and what they've discovered in their lessons. Watch BBC Bitesize videos together and look on Google Earth.
- Explore: Look for connections to our topics in your local community, through documentaries, or online resources.
- Be a Kind Citizen: Discuss how your family can contribute positively to your local community and beyond, demonstrating kindness and respect for all.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Mrs Miller

Bumblebees Teacher

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