**Science**

This term we are learning about plants including naming the main parts of a plant, knowing that plants are living things and understanding that trees are a type of plant. Then we will be learning about the parts of seeds, seed germination and plant growth.

**History & geography**

We will be starting with geography this term focusing on the physical and human features of our local area. We will then be moving on to history and asking the question, ‘What was life like for people in the past?’ with a particular focus on the people who lived in Thornton.

**Art & DT**

In our art work this term, we will be focusing on drawing with a focus on the use of different media such as drawing pencils and charcoal. In DT we will be creating structures with a focus on different techniques for joining and strengthening.

**Computing**

In computing, we will be thinking about all of the different uses of technology that is around us and technology that we use in our every day lives. We will also be thinking about our safety online with a focus on self-image, identity, copyright and ownership.

**RE & PSHE**

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism including aspects of Hindu worship and the special items used for this. We will then be learning about why Christians celebrate Christmas. In PSHE we will be focusing on fire safety, staying healthy and relationships.

**PE**

In PE we will begin by working on our fundamental skills including: running, hopping, skipping, jumping, underarm throw, overarm throw, rolling a ball, bouncing a ball, kicking a ball, catching. We will then be moving on to dance and gymnastic skills.

**Key information from Mrs Bell**

What a brilliant start to the autumn term in Juniper Class! The children have all been working hard and displaying their pocket principles at every opportunity which is brilliant to see. Please continue to listen to your child read for at least five minutes each day. This makes such a huge difference to all of their learning. Remember to keep checking dojo regularly for updates, reminders and an insight into our weekly learning.

**PE days: Monday and Tuesday**

**Parents’ evening: Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October**

**Maths**

Our maths work always begins with a focus on place value and understanding the number system, including reading, writing, partitioning and comparing whole numbers up to 20. We will then work on our calculation strategies for addition and subtraction, focusing on number bonds for numbers up to 20, doubles including near doubles and fact families. We will then revisit place value and build on our understanding of the number system for numbers up to 100. Towards Christmas we will start our work on shape, including recognising and naming 2-D and 3-D shapes based on their properties.

**English (including reading & phonics)**

Our English units this term are: ‘The Way Home for Wolf’ and ‘The place where I live’. Within these units, we will be learning to write a range of different texts including, an animal adventure story, a story with a familiar setting, an information page for a fact book and a non-chronological report. We will be focusing on our use of grammar throughout these units including our use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will also be learning to write in the past tense and the present tense as appropriate to the text we are writing. Every day the children have a phonics or a spelling session where we look at particular spelling rules and patterns. We also have a daily reading session where we practise and apply the different skills required to be a successful reader.

**Music**

In music we will be starting with ‘Hands, Feet, Heart’, a song that the children will learn to sing, learning about South African music along the way. We will then move on to ‘Ho Ho Ho’ as we begin to learn a variety of Christmas songs and perfect our performance skills.

The Royles Brook Round-Up

Autumn term curriculum information for Juniper Class