CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – AUTUMN TERM 2

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It is proven that children make accelerated rates of progress when they talk about their learning/learn with their parents or carers. To enable this we are providing you with information about what the children are learning and what they may need to prepare/practice at home.

SCHOOL THEME: FRIENDSHIPS

English – this includes reading, writing, phonics, grammar, punctuation, speaking and listening

In English our Talk4Writing focus this half term is 'Wishing Tales' with emphasis on suspense. We will be writing our own wishing tale based on the story 'The Red Eye' which links to the popular series 'How to Train your Dragon'. Our non-fiction focus is instructional writing where we will design and write instructions about how to train our very own dragon! Some of the skills we will focus on are below:

- Draw inferences about characters' actions thought and feelings
- Use a variety of different sentence types in order to create suspense.
- Use past and present tense correctly and consistently.
- Use show not tell to describe character feelings and emotions.
- Use capital letters and full stops consistently and independently.
- Use apostrophes for possession and contraction correctly.
- Investigate how writers create suspense.
- Explore and use organisational features for instructional writing.

Maths – this includes learning about using maths in real life situations

In Maths, we will:

- Know and understand the calendar, including days, weeks, months, years.
- Use 12 and 24 hour clocks.
- Compare and classify geometric shapes based on their properties and sizes.
- Make 3D shapes using modelling materials.
- Find 1/3 and 1/4 of shapes, lengths, objects and quantities.
- Write simple fractions 1/2 of 6 =3.
- Recognise equivalence of 2/4 and ½.
- Construct and interpret simple line graphs.
- Begin to relate the graphical representation of data to recording change over time.
- Multiply and divide a two-digit number by a one-digit/two-digit number using mental and written methods.
- Identify rotation as a turn and turn in right angles.
- Identify angles smaller than a right angle using acute.
- Recognise right angles.
- Identify angles larger than a right angle using term obtuse.

Science

This half term we are learning about **'Materials':**
In this unit, children will compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, response to magnets and electrical and thermal conductivity. They will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular use of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.
Working scientifically, children will classify materials in different ways explaining their classification criteria. They will plan, carry out and interpret an investigation in trying to answer a question about the most suitable material for a given function.

Cornerstones

This half term our topic is **'Gallery Rebels':**
During this half term, we will talk about features of the artwork and sketch our favourite pieces. We will research important artwork of the 19th and 20th centuries online, choosing a favourite piece of art to describe in more detail. When we have gathered a range of materials, we will make beautiful sketchbooks and use them to collect ideas and inspiration. We will create pieces of art inspired by well-known artists and use search engines to source images of modern art to put into a digital portfolio. Art can affect our feelings and emotions, and we will investigate whether everyone responds in the same way.

Computing

The children will be learning word processing skills. They will become familiar with keyboard layout, improve their typing speed and to save work in a folder. In addition to this, the children will be shown how to alter font size, type and colour for emphasis and effect. Using google they will learn to locate images on the internet, save images into a folder and to combine text and graphics to communicate information.

PSHE/SMSC/Citizenship	**Physical Exercise**
Our theme this term is Friendship. We will be looking at the characteristics of a good friend, recognising that people can have different opinions and understanding why it is important for us to work together using qualities such as forgiveness and empathy.	In their class P.E. lessons this half term, students will be learning gymnastics including shapes, methods of travel and sequencing. Friday afternoon games lessons will consist of three groups learning inclusive sports, basketball or tag-rugby. Extra-curricular clubs continue to offer a variety of different activities for pupils to try.
RE	**Have a go at home**
In RE, we will be looking at the Christmas story and the beliefs that some people have regarding angels. We will be looking at other special times for different people and discussing special times in our lives.	If your child has a go at anything at home then please feel free to send Helen photographs or information. Helen.Dudley@shenstonelodge.co.uk

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