



Learning Overview

Autumn Term - 2022

Welcome to Pearls

Hello and welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. The first week has been thoroughly enjoyable and we are all settling in to the routines and expectations of Pearls Class. In this letter you will find some details about the learning your child will be doing this term, what our routine will be and any useful learning they could do at home to support this. As you are aware, Mrs Evans will be teaching Pearls Tuesday to Friday and Mrs Holloway will teach on Mondays. Mrs Pinhorn will continue to be Pearls TA.

DAILY ROUTINE

The gates will be opened at 8.35am and children will be able to make their way to classroom from that time. If the children have letters they should put these into the class box in the classroom including any money which should be in a sealed and named envelope. Any homework should be placed in the 'homework boxes' and reading books that need changing should be placed in the box. The children will start the day with their spelling work which is taught in year groups. This is followed by guided reading, then literacy and numeracy. In the afternoon we teach the foundation subjects which include science, history, geography, PE, music, PSHE, Computing, French, DT and art. School finishes at 3.15pm when we will lead the children to the playground. Please try to make sure that your child knows how they are going home, and if you are going to be late collecting your child please contact the school as soon as possible. The children are to wait until they are collected, unless we have had confirmation by you that they are allowed out of the school grounds.

Literacy

Reading

We teach the skills of reading during literacy, in group guided reading, whilst reading with individuals and in other curriculum areas. Daily practice is needed to improve these skills and we cannot over-emphasise the importance of reading with your child at home. It is suggested that this should take place every day for about 10-20 minutes and independent readers also benefit from shared reading at home as they can discuss characters, themes and language in depth. It would be especially helpful if you could encourage your child to read over the weekend as well, as reading records are checked on a Monday. Our Reading Records encourage children to read daily, as well as to help us to see clearly how often your child reads. Year 4 and 5 children are encouraged to be independent readers, but they still need to read regularly to an adult at home. Your child is heard at least once a week during guided group reading, which takes place every day between 9.20 and 9.45am.

Reading Rewards

This year your child will climb up our Reading Tree. They will receive a certificate and a prize every time they read 30 lots of 30 pages.

Writing

Myths and Legends - We will be investigating a variety of Myths and Legends which are based on our topic 'Ancient Greeks'. We will be using these in Literacy and Group reading as well as creating our own.

Poetry - Using the Myth 'Pandora's Box' we will be writing abstract noun poems

Setting Description and Narrative - Using the novel 'Who let the Gods out?'

Letters - Writing job application letters to Zeus

Diary entries and persuasive writing - based on mythical characters.

Instructions - How to be a Greek Olympian.

Spelling

Spelling will take place every morning between 9.00 and 9.20am. During this time will be focusing on different spelling rules. Every Friday your child will bring home three spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. They will need to understand the meaning of the words and put them into sentences. We will also be focusing on grammar and punctuation during these sessions.

Numeracy

Place Value - We will be looking at the value of digits in a number up to 1,000,000, multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10 and 100, ordering numbers including decimals, and negative numbers. We will also be rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000. We will also be investigating Roman numerals.

Addition and Subtraction - The children will have the opportunity to develop their addition and subtraction techniques, especially focussing on column method, with 4 digit numbers, work on mental techniques and get to grips with some real life problem solving.

Multiplication and Division - We will be looking at multiples, factors, common factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. We will work again on multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. We will move on to multiplying using grid and apparatus to relate to column multiplication and more formal division methods.

Times Tables

Learning our times tables is an important part of our daily routine. The Year 4 children will partake in national testing for Multiplication Tables in June next Year. This year we will be using TTRockstars daily and I will discuss this further during our class meeting on Tuesday 11th October.

Helping at home - Children learn so many skills for their Maths from their key facts, including multiplication tables. Please encourage your child to practise these skills **every day** for at least 10min using Times Tables Rock Stars, songs, games etc.... Please allow your child access to the internet, books and any other resources to find out information about our any aspect of the Mathematics topic they might like to research.

Topic

Our Topic for this term will be 'Ancient Greece'. This topic will begin by finding out where Greece is, and how we know about their history using Greek pots. We will then move on to look at lifestyle and focus on the Olympics. We will all look at legacy including Democracy. Our DT will be based on looking at and making a replica of Pandora's box and Greek urns. As a culmination to this topic, we will be having a dressing up and activity filled Greek Day.

Science - Our science topics this term are teeth and digestion.

Teeth - We will be learning about the different types of teeth and the jobs they do before moving on to looking at how we should look after our teeth. This will involve lots of fun experiments!

Digestion - After half term we will move on to learning about digestion. We will identify and describe the function of the different parts of the digestive system and investigate how the different parts work.

PE

P.E. lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons with JC Sports. Please ensure your child is in full PE kit for the whole day.

Homework

Children will receive a homework folder to put their homework in.

Literacy homework - This will be sent out every other Friday and will normally involve comprehension questions.

Maths homework - This will be sent out every other Friday and will be based on the learning that has taken place over the previous fortnight.

All homework is due in the following Friday. Please complete the record sheet in the homework file to show your child has completed their homework. This involves recording when your child has read and used TTRockstars. If you would like to leave a comment about their skills or pass on a message to us then please do note it down in the comment section. Homework will be checked weekly, if your child has a genuine reason for not completing homework please let us know in writing.

Do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of your child's learning should you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Kind Regards

Mrs Evans