

Kerr Mackie Primary School



Spring Term
Curriculum Newsletter
2016

Reading

Children will continue to expand their understanding of texts read. They will read with expression and intonation and answer questions about the texts. Children will still be expected to refer to dictionaries and thesaurus in their independent learning. The internet will be used to enable the children to research Italy and in particular the city of Naples. In addition, we will be using tourism guides.

Writing

We will be writing a story with a repeating pattern, based on *The Disgusting Sandwich* by Gareth Edwards and Hannah Shaw. We will also be writing instructions for how to make pizza and an explanation text linked to our learning on how plants grow. We will be continuing to move children on with their punctuation, use of complex sentences and vocabulary appropriate to the text type. Children will develop settings, characters and plot. Children will also learn the key features of each style of writing.

Maths

Core skills for mental maths: We will be counting in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. We will also continue to add and subtract up to 3 digit numbers mentally.

Written methods: We will be studying fractions. We will also be learning to tell the time (12 hour and 24 hour clocks). In addition, we will be adding and subtracting amounts of money in practical contexts. Problem solving will also be included.

Maths facts: We will continue with our times tables (3, 4 and 8). Please encourage your child to learn their times tables and division facts.

We will also be logging temperatures in Leeds and comparing these to Naples.

Year 3 Project Spring 2016

How can we bring a taste of Italy to Year 3?

We are going to study geographical aspects of the Italian city of Naples and make comparisons with where we live in Leeds. Our product will be a video tourist guide, which will show our learning about Naples. We also plan to work closely with the kitchen staff to design an Italian menu for the school to sample at lunch!

In Science, we will investigate the life cycle of plants.

We will spend time studying the artist Andy Goldsworthy and his use of nature. We hope to hold an outside art exhibition to show case this.

Other learning:

PE: Our indoor PE is invasion games and children will be continuing to build on their knowledge of team games in outdoor PE learning.

PHSCE: Children will be 'Going for Goals', learning how to set goals to challenge themselves. They will be exploring what it means to have a Growth Mindset.

RE: What is the 'good life'? Writings and teachings of the Bible e.g. The Good Samaritan. Discussing the greatest commandment is 'To love your neighbour' Investigate the writings/stories of other faiths

Please help by:

- **Finding out information about Italy with your child.**
- **Supporting your child's reading by frequently listening to them read and discussing the text with them.**
- **Helping your child with learning log tasks.**
- **Encouraging neat presentation of any written learning.**
- **Going through their times tables and division facts (in and out of order).**
- **Continuing to support your child with their targets.**
- **Encouraging your child to use Mathletics and especially our DB platform.**

Learning logs: Learning Logs will be given out on a Friday and should be returned to school no later than the following Wednesday, unless stated otherwise. Learning Logs will be linked to our learning in Maths, English or Project Based Learning.

Reading books: Reading books will be changed weekly. New books will be given out on a Friday afternoon. It would be helpful if books could be returned by Wednesday to enable us to change them on time. Please could you also ensure that your child's reading record is signed by an adult.

PE: Year 3 PE days are Mondays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor) for both Alder and Rowan. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school on the appropriate days, including suitable outdoor footwear and clothing, especially during the colder months. Please can long hair be tied back for PE.

Food and drink: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water in school every day. Children are also encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack for morning break.

We look forward to an exciting, challenging term of learning, where we will be taking learning out of the classroom wherever possible.

Thank you for all of your support this term.

Mrs Drew, Miss Canham, Mrs Barrett, Mr Rowlands and Mrs Jandu.

Year 3 team