

Curriculum Information



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Awesome Alnwick

We have planned this topic as if we were going to be in the classroom, however, this will be adapted for home learning on a week by week basis.

Our topics for this term are...

Awesome Alnwick

Geography - Children will find out about the location of Alnwick within Britain and use aerial photos and maps to describe its features. We will learn about the four countries of the UK and their capital cities.

Alnwick Castle and Harry Hotspur

History - Children will learn about the passing of time by looking at timelines of their own family events. They will find out about how castles were developed and then they will find out about the special history of our local castle and Harry Hotspur.

Living Things

Science - Children will name and identify common birds, animals, plants and trees in their local environment.

Natural Sculptures

Art – The artist Andy Goldsworthy will provide a stimulus for making sculptures out of natural materials.

Castles

DT – The children will design and make models of castles.

On-Screen Programming

Computing - Children will build upon understanding of algorithms to follow instructions using programmable applications, recognise when instructions are not followed accurately and amend these to achieve a desired outcome.



Other subjects:

P.E. Cricket and athletics –

Cricket Ideas at Home: Take different size balls (or whatever you have) and mark a target on either a wall or alternative hard surface, can you bowl underarm and hit the target. You can have more than one target and put scores on, see how much you can score by adding your totals together.

Athletics Ideas at Home: Can you (safely) create an obstacle course in your garden or living room. Play some throwing and catching games together, jumping games such as hopscotch, skipping and running.

P.S.H.E. Relationships

Music Your Imagination

Music at Home: During music lessons we listen to different styles of music and talk about if we like the song and what instruments we can hear. Try to listen to: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins, Pure Imagination from Willy Wonka, Day Dream Believer by The Monkees, Rainbow Connection from The Muppet Movie and A Whole New World from Aladdin.

R.E. Special events and promises Jews make to God

I will add other ideas for these subjects to the weekly ideas on the class page.

English:

English involves the development of speaking and listening, reading fluency, comprehension and writing skills. In school children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during their topic work. Over the course of the year, children will experience a range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts. This half term, we intend to explore stories, poems and non-fiction texts. Children are welcome to bring in books related to the topic.

You can find specific objectives for the term on your class page of the school website.

Home learning: I will continue to upload learning activities to our class page that include opportunities for children to practice and develop their reading and writing skills, keeping these skills going is incredibly important for children. I will upload phonic activities and spellings weekly as well as activities that develop the reading of those trickier words. You can also access phonics videos and games online; our class favourites are:

<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/forestPhonics/index.html>

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/dinosaurEggsHF/index.html>

I will continue to upload stories that you and the children can share and read along with but also keep sharing stories at home, not only is reading to children a lovely, calming experience to share together, it introduces them to so much new vocabulary – don't shy away from explaining the meaning of words or pointing out interesting vocabulary. In class, we have class readers and often share chapter books, you could use this time to revisit a childhood favourite, such as Roald Dahl or Enid Blyton or more modern authors such as Tom Fletcher or Jeff Kinney (Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and my personal favourite children's books).

Mathematics

In KS1, our aim is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with number, counting and place value. Our learning begins in a very practical way before moving to more formal methods. Children will also explore shapes, measurements, position and direction.

The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

This half term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division, fractions, place value to 100, position and direction, money, telling the time.

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Homework & Spellings

Weekly Tasks: Please check our weekly blog to see the planned home learning for the week.

Reading: Please ensure your child reads as often as possible.

Other ways of helping your child:

- Using the Internet to research our topic.
- Discussing what is being taught.
- Playing English and Maths games on our virtual learning environment at www.school360.co.uk (please note that Frog Play will no longer be available from 1st May, however games will still be available and accessed in the same way.)
- Times Table Rockstars
- Numbots
- Keep an illustrated diary of your days at home

