

Year 1

Autumn term 1

Who are we and what makes us special?

LITERACY:

This term the focus will be on traditional tales. We will read them, talk about them and dramatize them. We will focus on one in particular; The Three Little Pigs and we will be exploring the story and learning it off by heart. The children will then create their own versions of the story changing certain elements.

We will also be focusing on finger spaces in our writing, understanding what a sentence is and capital letters and full stops. We will have regular handwriting practise to develop the correct pre cursive letter formation.

NUMERACY:

Our focus this term will be place value, addition and subtraction.

We will be doing lots of counting, both forwards and backwards, as well as reading and writing numbers.

The children will be sorting and grouping objects and comparing groups using language such as equal, more/greater, less/fewer, including use of the < and > symbols. They will learn how to count one more and one less than a given number and order numbers from smallest to greatest and greatest to smallest. We will also be using ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd...) to help the children when ordering.

TOPIC:

All our topics this year will encompass lots of cross-curricular learning. This term we will be looking at ourselves, what makes us special and who is significant to us. Then we will look at Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, significant individuals from history who have done something special. We will use their life stories to also look at places in our own locality, like Peterborough hospital, which is named after Edith Cavell.

MUSIC:

The class will be learning and performing a range of songs and rhymes. They will develop the skills to sing in unison and add actions to their performance.

SCIENCE: Animals, including humans is this term's Science topic. The children will learn about human and animal bodies and consider similarities and differences between them; they will engage in a variety of activities to investigate each of the five senses and will understand the difference between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

PE: This term's outdoor games lessons will encourage team play and will focus on the skills needed for invasion games and football. The children will learn how to move in a confined space avoiding others, pass the ball to a partner, ball control and moving with a ball. In gymnastics the children will be exploring how to travel with the body curved and stretched and how to use apparatus and the floor to create different shapes.

COMPUTING: This term the children will work on learning the basic skills they need to be able to use a computer. They will apply skills such as using the trackpad to launch applications and learn how to open and save files and folders.

RE: This term the children will be discussing the question, *what do Christians believe God is like?* We will be using Old and New Testament books and focussing on the stories *Jonah and the Big Fish* and *The Prodigal Son*.

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Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 1! We would like to take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. On the back of this letter is an overview of this term's topic and the areas of learning that we will be covering between now and the end of term. We have also included a class timetable to help you prepare your child for each day.

In Year 1 we hope that the children will continue to develop their love for reading. To support this, we ask that the children spend at least ten minutes a day sharing a book with an adult. The children will receive one house point for every five parent comments, per week, in the reading record. We will hear the children read in school throughout the week within a variety of contexts and support their progress with the Read, Write, Inc. phonics sessions.

Please can the children bring in a named water bottle with fresh water every day. Their wellies and PE kit should also be named and need to stay in school throughout the week. Please could you ensure your child has a full indoor and outdoor PE kit including trainers, shorts and t-shirt and jogging bottoms and hoodies/tracksuit tops. If your child needs medication in school, all medication must be in date and a medication form must be completed at the office. Please also note that we are a 'nut free' school. Finally, should your child's end of day routine change for any reason, including being picked up by a different person, please could you inform us in the morning at drop off or via an email or message to the school office.

We both look forward to meeting you all in due course; there will be the chance to pop in to the classroom after school between 3:30pm and 4pm on 16th, 18th and 19th of September. However, if you need a confidential chat or need to speak with either of us for any length of time please email us directly at clare.briggs@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk or clare.reynolds@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk or contact the school office.

Kind Regards,

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Let your light shine Matthew 5:16

