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Weekly Curriculum Newsletter – Wk beginning 24th Sept 2018

Last week pupils benefitted from exciting visitors and workshops.

The Cyclewise Initiative linked to bicycle road safety was successful, with older pupils acquiring new skills and cycling proficiency under a trained instructor programme – well done all participants!

The NSPCC delivered fun and informative assemblies across both Key Stages, with an extended workshop on Stranger Danger for Year 5/6 too.

The whole school are now using SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) weekly and the links to our school behaviour policy and class rules are very visible throughout each day, with opportunities for all to see and use SEAL skills to support friendship, follow rules and care for and respect each other.

In respect of this, can we ask that parent / family members help the school and their child when they come into school daily by leaving quickly and positively so each child, even the youngest, begin to develop resilience, confidence and early independence.

Date for diary : Harvest Service Friday 12th October 2.30pm in School Hall. *(further details will follow in October – families are welcome to attend and our food collection will go to The Key Project locally).*

Class One – Ms Shannon

Our Book of the Week: We Are all Wonders is a delightful picture narrative which has now been turned into a film. It focuses on individuality and the wonder of the fact that we are all unique (super links to SEAL curriculum here). Purpose and reasons for writing, speech and language, roleplay and reading opportunities will link too.

Spelling focus: Reception will explore / learn the sounds o c k ck .

Year One are learning and applying: -----ch and -----tch word endings (ie much / catch / stitch / which / witch).

Individual / guided reading will be ongoing, as normal.

Numeracy sessions : Reception are making and counting number sets of objects and looking at numerals 0 – 5 , whilst Year One continue number value recognition alongside addition and subtraction bonds and calculations . Selecting and using concrete calculation aids and recording calculations as number sentences with symbols is the expectation.

Class Two – Mrs Thomson /Miss Pendleton / Mrs Glencross

In Literacy, we conclude The Firebird using drama, poetry and creative writing skills. Pupils will explore and contrast a different version of the tale comparing language, staging and impact. SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) link directly here and reflects N.C Year



group objectives.

Guided group / individual reading are ongoing across the week.

In Numeracy, place value work with up to four digits will encourage pupil applications in problem solving contexts. Number bonds / times tables are revisited daily .

Shape, Space and Direction exploration continues with Mrs Thomson.

Class Three – Mr Robertson / Mrs Nolan

In Literacy, through The Jungle Book we will compare literary style, convention and language from Victorian days (original book publication date) to modern day. Linked written work will reflect both as we work to achieve lively and varied narrative style.

Guided readers / individual reading are ongoing across the week.

Place value through addition / subtraction with up to 6 digit numbers and with three decimal places (dependent on year group objectives) is the challenge this week. Multiplication rules by ten, a hundred, a thousand will be explored, including decimal multiplication.

Inverse multiplication / division bonds are ongoing daily.

Can we ask that if your child does free writing for homework, that lined paper is used and is in pencil please.

REMEMBER our weekly Monday Superstar assembly at 9.10am – all welcome.

School Council Elections are taking place this Tuesday afternoon. All prospective nominees have now prepared letters of application and will present them to the pupil body with elective voting by the pupils then taking place. To ALL who have sought nominations, a huge thank you for having the confidence and aspirations to try.

Do look on our school Facebook page and website each week too – photographs are regularly posted that reflect and celebrate learning and achievements.

Our daily **Walking School Bus Scheme** is well used and updates to the Village Hall and Parish Council Committees have been sent. Cumbria Constabulary will be leading assemblies across these next weeks to promote Road Safety Awareness , led by our designated Constable Graham Kirkpatrick.

Enjoy your weekend all.

