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Weekly Curriculum Newsletter – Wk beginning 5th November 2018

Our first week of term was busy and very productive.

New topics were begun and some excellent collaborative investigative work was undertaken in the junior classrooms, as well as exciting explorations in early years / infants.

The children are all looking forwards to the School Council Halloween fun this Friday and the members are working very hard behind the scenes to ensure preparations are on track.

We cannot wait to see hordes of ghosts, goblins, witches, vampires and monsters walking the corridors on Friday afternoon BEWARE!

Some of our Walking Bus pupils have written thank you letters of appreciation to the local electrical firm, which kindly donated high vis jackets. Matt (the owner) was delighted to receive them, he tells us.

Weekly Curriculum Overview: Class 1 (Miss Shannon / Mrs Salkeld)

Literacy: We will be focusing on bonfire night and thinking about the colours and shapes that we can see and the noises we can hear. We will be using our senses to describe and look at poetry.

Phonics: We will be working through phases 3 and 5 of phonics and focusing on digraphs (sounds made with two letters) and trigraphs (sounds made with three letters).

Numeracy: We will be looking at measures of all sorts: length, weight and capacity

Weekly Curriculum Overview: Class 2 (Mrs Thomson / Miss Painter / Mrs Glencross)

Literacy: The children will be studying explanation texts and looking at adverbs and adverbials.

Numeracy: We will be looking at time.

Weekly Curriculum Overview: Class 3 (Mr Robertson / Mrs Nolan)

The children will be studying biographies, and beginning to create their own biography of a famous person through the ages.

In reading Year 6 are reading: 'Goodnight Mr. Tom', Year Five are reading; 'The Dream Master' and Year Four are reading a non-fiction book about slavery.

In grammar, we are doing daily, morning grammar activities; they all need to know the different word classes: synonyms, homonyms, adverbs, adjectives, adverbs, nouns, prepositions etc.

In spelling this week some of us are learning the 'ough' letter pattern, whereas some of us are learning tele- and many other words beginning with this prefix.



Homework will be spellings, maths and English, please spend a maximum of one hour on this work.

All classes follow and explore their thematic topic each afternoon through foundation subjects linked to the Early Years / National Curriculum : History / Geography / Science / ICT / Music/ Art and Design / PE / Modern Foreign Language (Juniors) and PSHE .
A reminder that the topics are posted in curriculum Page on the school website.

We have had a request from the Breakfast Club leader for more Board Games. If you have any that are in good condition that you no longer use then please send these into school and they will be put to good use.

This year we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as we have done in previous years.

Children can bring their donations into school between now and 11th November 2018.
As well as the traditional paper poppies there are also various stationery items, including, rulers, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners and reflective tags available.
We also have guess the name of the bear. £1 to have a guess and a chance to win a Royal British Legion bear.

Mrs Wright will be coordinating this appeal in the school office.
Thank you for your continued support.

Diary dates

6th November: Nasal Flu Vaccines (*in school*) for Reception – Year 5 pupils.

29th November: Parents Evening (*details will follow with appointment slips nearer this date*).

6th December: Christmas Craft afternoon- all three classes – Parents welcome – more details to follow.

11th December: Christmas Service in school at 2:00 p.m. – Parents welcome.

12th December: Christmas Lunch in school.

17th December: Dress Rehearsal.

19th December: Christmas concert in Village Hall at 1:30 p.m.

20th December: Class Christmas Parties.

21st December: Video Day. School closes at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas break.

School Uniform

School uniform should now be ordered direct from our supplier at

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/GreatOrtonSchoolCA56NA>

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

Enjoy the weekend everyone, and we look forward to meeting you all again on Monday.

