



"All Learning Together"

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Curriculum Letter Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to everyone in Class Foss! I hope everyone had a nice rest after the long Autumn and had a fun and happy Christmas and New Year! I am excited for the term ahead and looking forward to 2019. As we are a new class with Year 2 and some Year 1 children joining us in the mornings, we are all finding our feet and doing very well with the new arrangements. It is also lovely to welcome our new parents and children to the class. To clarify, Year Two children are with me all day and we are joined by some Year One pupils for the morning sessions. In the afternoons, Year One work with Mrs Laverack, so have full access to the areas of provision as in previous years.

English

This term our first topic is 'Traditional Tales from other countries', we are already underway with looking at the story of 'The Magic Paintbrush' from China, there will be more to come. In this we are looking at the language of story and the use of sentence structure, paragraphing and developing our sentence writing.

We will then move on to learning about recounts, fantasy stories, poetry and information texts. In all these aspects we will be both reading and writing in these different styles. Guided Reading will continue in year and class groups and children will continue to bring home reading records and colour band readers, some in addition are also bringing library books. We are more than happy for any books from home to also be written into reading records and be used to supplement the books school has to offer. It is of great help if reading records and books are in school every day.

In addition we will have a discrete lesson to develop handwriting and another to look at aspects of grammar, spelling and punctuation. Children will continue to have phonics lessons on a daily basis and spelling tests will continue to be on a Friday. Please can you try to have spelling books in school on those days.

Maths

During the beginning of this term we will be recapping on important number work covered last term with place value, division and multiplication being the main themes; before moving on to studying fractions. This will involve finding fractions of quantities, shapes and recognising simple whole, half and quarter equivalents. We are (in year 2) consolidating counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10, and aiming to learn these times tables by heart. Some children are extending to also look at multiples of 3 and 4. Year 1 are also underway with this and counting very confidently in steps and jumps.

Beyond that we will spend fortnightly blocks exploring shape, measurement, in particular length, height, mass or weight and capacity. There will also be some discreet work with temperature and reading thermometers. We will have a focus of reasoning and problem solving skills in each of the topic covered this term to deepen our mathematical understanding.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Andrew Priestley

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

Topic

This term our topic is 'Superheroes!' which we are working on alongside Mrs Laverack's class. I am aware some of you have already had tales of Captain Underpants shared with you. This will cover aspects of movement in our art and D.T work, while looking at heroes such as Florence Nightingale in History. In Geography we will be looking at aspects of environmental work and caring for the planet using the storybooks; 'One World' and 'Michael Recycle' (a well-known superhero!) Music and Computing will be covering singing and following pitch notations and creating story books and our own cartoon strips.

Science

In the teaching of Science this term, the children will be studying 'Animals Including Humans' as our topic. We will look a lot about healthy living, diet, exercise and classifying types of creatures. We will also look at some material work exploring changes that are reversible and irreversible. In addition to this, we will be continuing with Forest Schools on a Monday afternoon. Please can children have outdoor boots or trainers for these sessions as at this time of year it can be wet and muddy.

Mrs. Ray

On a Friday afternoon, Mrs Ray will take the year 2 children while I have my planning and preparation time. She will be taking the children for circle time and PHSCE work, as well as RE. Mrs. Ray will also be ensuring the year 2 children get some outdoor provision time, to end their week.

P.E.

This will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for Year 2; it is really helpful if your child has the correct P.E. kit in school for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Mr Cairns will be teaching P.E. on Thursdays and this is outdoor orienteering and adventure activities and I will be teaching P.E. on Tuesdays, which is indoor gym work. Year 1 children have their P.E on Monday and Friday with Mrs Laverack and Mr Cairns.

I am always happy to answer any questions you might have – please do pop in and see me after school if you would like to discuss anything with me.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Kathryn Cummings (Mrs. C.)