

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

Useful Websites:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits

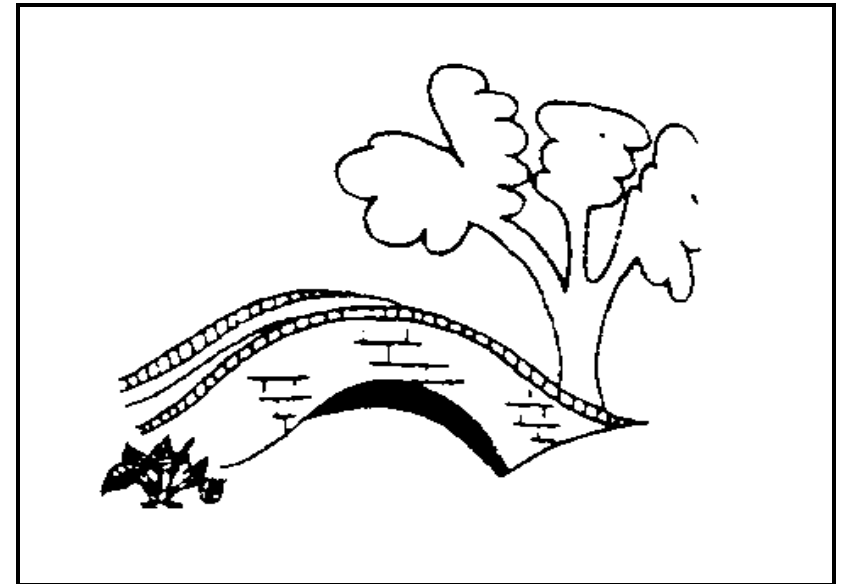
www.ictgames.com

www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk

www.magickeys.com

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Whixall Church of England Primary School



Curriculum Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2018

Skylark Class (Year 3)

English This term, children will be exposed to a variety of texts rich in meaning and make purposeful links to our 'India' theme. They will identify themes and conventions within a wide range of books, make predictions, draw inferences and identify main ideas drawn from what they have read. They will retrieve and record information from non-fiction books and build up a repertoire of poems. Children will have the opportunity to discuss different types of writing and compose and rehearse sentences orally before writing. They will begin by writing letters from a character in our first text and go on to write diary entries, narratives, instructions, fact files, recounts and information guides. They will learn how to proofread and edit their own work. Furthermore, we will provide opportunities for drama and role play to help children identify with characters and explore language in order to discuss and express their own views.

Mathematics Our work this term in maths will take a mastery approach. Children will cover reading and writing numbers to one thousand, use number bonds within ten to help calculate number facts for two digit numbers to one hundred. They will learn how to bridge one hundred when adding and solve problems involving addition and subtraction in the context of money and measures, within our first unit. Children will revise the features of 2D shapes and learn how to use mental calculation strategies to find the perimeter of common 2D shapes. Children will practise their 4 and 8 times tables and use these facts to solve multiplication problems through partitioning. We will teach the children to read the time on an analogue clock to the nearest five minutes and they will learn time facts such as the number of minutes in an hour, seconds in a minute, etc In our third unit, children will learn to recognise, order and count in fractions. Also, they will be taught to recognise simple equivalent fractions and find fractions of amounts and objects. Furthermore, they will learn how to recognise a right angle and whether an angle is greater or smaller in size and so much more!

Science This term the children will be studying the topic 'Animals, including humans'. In this topic the children will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will start by looking at our pets and move onto other common animals, including Indian animals. They will be sorting animals by their type, the ways in which they move and by what they eat. This will include learning the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore and finding out what animals eat. We will be investigating which types of seeds birds prefer and which snacks snails will choose. We will also be looking at the ways in which animals move and comparing their structures, looking at similarities and differences in their skeletons and teeth. Throughout the year the children will be studying a tree in the school grounds to observe and record the changes that take place throughout the seasons. This will include observations of the changes to the animals and plants that live in, on and under the tree and observing changes in weather and day length.

Humanities We will be studying 'India' as our theme this term. The children will be identifying our the continents and oceans, locating India and the U.K. on maps & globes and learn about the varied landscape. They will learn about at the physical and human features within the country and find out about daily life in India. We hope to have a

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

Our PSHE unit, is called 'Be Friendly, Be Wise' through this unit, the children will be finding out about safety in and around school.

The children will also be considering their friendships and how to manage their feelings.

P.E. This term, during P.E. the children will be taking part in dance lessons over the first half term and gymnastics over the second half term. This will place on a Monday afternoon. The children will have the opportunity to express themselves creatively and will include Indian dances.

Art and Design Our work in Art is going to link closely to the Indian theme. Children will be experimenting with a range of tools and techniques in painting and printing. They will learn how to mix colours and learn which primary colours make which secondary colours. They will recreate characters from one of our English texts, also. Over the Diwali festival, children will manipulate clay to make pots and create surface patterns and textures.

Design Technology

Our unit during the second half term will be 'Electrical systems.' Children will create simple circuits and use switches for control. They will also, carry out some simple programming. This unit will have a Christmas theme.

R.E. Our work in RE this term, is focusing on 'I believe ... the values that are important to me' We will be discussing who they are and how they think they should lead their lives. They will looking at the children's role and contribution in the community.

I.C.T. and Computing This term, children will be using a range of software to create digital content. We will also continue to teach the children about E-safety; using technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and keeping personal information private.

Music During our music lessons children will be learning several Indian themed songs and will have the opportunity to be expressive with musical instruments to accompany their songs. Children will look at rhythmic patterns and body percussion.

Spanish In our lessons this term, the children will be learning various Spanish greetings, they will be learning to count, as well as learning the Spanish names of colours and parts of the body. The children will also learn a variety of Nursery Rhymes in Spanish.