



Itchen Abbas Primary School

Hedgehogs' Overview of Learning for Autumn 2 2017



Would you rather be a lighthouse keeper in the UK or the Caribbean?

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| Overview of Our Topic: This half term will be an enquiry topic for the Hedgehogs class. We will be exploring lighthouses in our country and we will be comparing this to lighthouses in the Caribbean. Hedgehogs will investigate life in two countries and make their decisions based on their independent research. Every lesson will be started with a question that children will use their enquiry skills to challenge their thinking. | |
| English We will be exploring texts about the coast, lighthouses and the Caribbean. We will be continuing to write stories, information texts and letters for a range of audiences. | Science Hedgehogs will be experimenting with light and discussing how light can create shadows. We will be using a range of light sources and shadow puppets to investigate. |
| Maths In maths, we will be learning methods to multiply and divide using concrete and pictorial methods. We will also be learning to find unit fractions of shapes, an amount and a set of objects. | Music Hedgehogs will be exploring music from the Caribbean by listening and creating music with a range of instruments. We will also be learning sea shanties to explore life as sailors at sea. |
| Geography We will be comparing life in two countries by exploring weather, cultures and geographical features as well as using atlases and maps to locate these countries. | Art / DT In Art we will be designing our own island and sculpting using clay. We will also be designing a healthy lunch for a lighthouse keeper. |
| Computing We will be using search engines to gather our research to answer questions. We will also be using apps such as Vittle to support our learning and ideas. | PE / Games Our PE days this term are on a Monday and Tuesday. One lesson will involve Dance and the other session will be led by our Saints Coach Sam. However, please ensure PE bags are in school all week in case this needs to change. |
| PSHE This half term Hedgehogs will be talking about feelings and learning new friendship skills. | RE Hedgehogs will be exploring the concept of ritual in Christianity and Hinduism this half term. |



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Home Learning

Below is a list of the learning we would like children to practise at home this half term.
The following are requirements for age related expectations.

Expected Home Learning for Year 2

- Weekly practise of spellings
- 5 x per week reading – check that what they are reading makes sense and answer comprehension questions. Predict what may happen next. Learn the meaning of new words
- Read a variety of fairy tales and traditional tales
- Learn a poem or rhyme off by heart
- Spell common exception words
- Spell some common homophones (their, there, they're – know, no etc)
- Know my number facts to 20
- Count in 2's and 10's from any number forward and backwards
- Learn your 10 and 5 multiplication table including division facts
- Know the names of 2D and 3D shapes
- Tell the time to the nearest five minutes

Expected Home Learning for Year 3

- Weekly practice of spellings
- 5 x per week reading – ask and answer questions to improve their comprehension. Make inferences around the text. Retrieve information using skimming and scanning
- Using a dictionary to check spelling to learn the meaning of new words by
- Read fiction, plays, poetry non-fiction and reference texts.
- Correctly use 'a' and 'an'
- Use past tense verbs correctly i.e. awake / awoke
- Know my 4 and 6 multiplication table and division facts
- Tell the time to the nearest minute (analogue, 12 and 24 hour clock).

In addition to this factual based learning, teachers may choose to send additional work home to provide practice of skills taught in class.



Topic Home Learning Projects

These ideas have been selected to help your child follow a line of enquiry that they are inspired and excited by. Your child should choose at least one of the following tasks to complete. The deadline for returning Topic Home Learning

Projects to school is **Friday 15th December.**

- Find out about a lighthouse in our country.
- Research a fisherman or someone who works at sea – How is their life different to yours?
- Create a boat using materials around your house – would it survive stormy seas?
- Write a poem about life at sea.
- Design your own healthy packed lunch/picnic and explain your choices.
- Create/design your own lighthouse – what colours would you paint it? Why? How would you make sure the light shone brightly?
- Compare our village to a village in the Caribbean – how is it the same? Different? Would you like to live there? Why?
- Any other activity of your child's choice.

