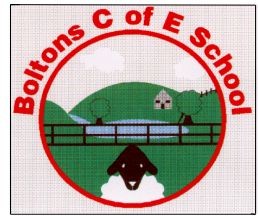


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Dear Parents,

The summer holidays seem just a distant memory for us all and we are now fully back into the normal school routines. As you will already know Mrs Smith and I are sharing the year 1 and 2 class this year. I will be teaching years 1 and 2 every morning – covering phonics, maths, English and also the Friday afternoons – when I teach the infants art and design and technology. Mrs Smith will teach the majority of the rest of the subjects on the remaining afternoons. Feel free to speak to either of us at any time. Before I outline what is going to be taught this term may I remind you that PE kit needs to be kept in school all the time. Sometimes it is required for dance/music as well as normal PE lessons and clubs. This year homework will usually given out on a **Friday** and is to be returned the following Wednesday. Spellings are set weekly and are stuck into the children's spelling books. These too go home on a Friday and there will be a test the following Friday. Please can you ensure that spellings are learnt as one of our whole school targets is to improve the children's spelling. As always I can't over emphasise the importance of hearing your child read as often as possible and encourage them to enjoy both reading and sharing a range of books.

This term we will be covering the following:

English

In English we begin by writing about what we did on our trip to Central Lakes. We are then going to look at different traditional tales and will focus on Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella. We will be doing lots of different reading and writing activities that relate to these tales – including making menus, invitations and wanted posters. Towards the end of the first half term, at the end of our work on Cinderella, we will have a class banquet! After half term we will have work around bonfire night, including some poetry, and we will then move on to learning how to write instructions. This will require making different things before we write about them. Then before we know it is going to be Christmas! Our reading work will be linked to our writing topics and anything that crops up in the news. Mrs Pitcher and Mrs Scott will be joining me for teaching phonics on a daily basis. We will also be doing regular handwriting practice. Spelling will be taught on a Friday and will concentrate on adding suffixes to words. Most of these follow rules that the children will need to understand and then be able to apply. We will endeavour to hear the children read as often as possible, but they will need to be heard read at home on a regular basis as well to ensure they make good progress in all subject.

Maths

In maths we will concentrate on shape and space on Mondays and then calculation and place value skills in the middle of the week. This then leads to our Thursday/Friday lessons where we will be able to apply and combine these skills. This term will be much the same as the other two terms as a lot of repetition is required at this stage to ensure that the basic skills are embedded. This term we will focus on measuring and understanding of the concepts of length, weight and capacity. We will be working with numbers up to 100 and learning how to read, write and order them, while understanding their place value. We will be working on addition and subtraction skills and using appropriate apparatus to support us in our learning. Once we have grasped these concepts securely we will begin to work towards using these skills to solve empty box questions where the children need to use their knowledge of 'inverse operations' – doing the opposite or working backwards to solve a simple problem. We will also be beginning /continuing to learn

to tell the time. Throughout the term we will be looking at answering different maths problems where they can apply these skills.

Science

The first half terms science topic is 'All Living Things and Their Habitats'. During this topic the children will learn about the differences between living and dead and how living things and their habitats are suited. They will find out how habitats provide for animals and plants and they will identify and name variety of plants and animals in their habitats including micro-habitats. They will learn about and complete simple food chains as well as identifying and naming sources of food. In the second half of the term the topic will be 'Use of Materials'. The children will identify and compare the uses of everyday materials and find out how the shape of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Computing

This term the children will be finding out about 'Multi Media' and 'Digital Media'. Year 1 will be developing their familiarity with the keyboard. They will add text to photographs, graphics (images) and sound e.g. captions, labelling and simple sentences through the use of programs such as 2create A Story and by using pre-defined layouts or templates for presentations. They will also use a paint package to create a picture to communicate their ideas and explore shape, line and colour to communicate a specific idea. Year 2 will extend on skills from last year by Develop basic editing skills including different presentational features (font size, colour and style), They will have opportunities to word process short narrative and non-narrative texts and save, print, retrieve and amend their work. They will learn to use the mouse or arrow keys to insert words and sentences and use appropriate editing tools to improve their work. They will also develop a variety of skills using a range of tools and techniques to communicate a specific idea or artistic style /effect and create a stamp to make patterns and designs.

PE

Carlisle United will be taking the children for PE on a weekly basis this term and they will also have specialist tennis lessons – as well as some extra cricket coaching.

Geography and History

During the first half term the geography topic is 'Our School' the children will be using simple mapping skills to map the school, using simple maps and keys as well as creating their own symbols and keys to be used on maps. History will be taught in the second half of the term and the topic will be 'Changes'. The children will be considering how transport has changed and the impact this has had on people's lives. They will have opportunities to find out about George Stephenson, the history of flight, the moon landings and how cars have developed.

RE

Mrs Jennison will be teaching RE and the children will be learning about the Creation Story and then the Christmas story as we approach the end of the year.

Art, Design and Technology.

In art this term we are starting off by looking at portraits and how to represent the face and body using different media such as collage and watercolour. We shall also be looking at different famous portraits, including 'pop art' and what the 'story' behind them is. After half term, in design and technology, we will be making books and cards that involve using sliders, wheels and levers.

Music

Mr Clark, our music specialist, will be teaching music throughout the term.

Please feel free to ask me if you have any queries or concerns.
Yours sincerely,

Julia Garner