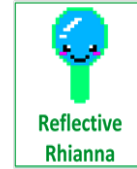




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Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Dahlia Class
Term: Autumn Term 2

English:

Our key text for this half term is called 'Aysha and the Spirit Bird' written by Jasbinder Bilan. We will use this text to support and develop our writing, which will include - writing to inform, writing to persuade and writing to entertain. We will practice using a range of ambitious language choices within our writing, to ensure we are writing for our audience. Using punctuation and spelling accurately, will also be imbedded into our daily English learning.

Reading – both taught reading and reading for pleasure will be a key feature of our learning. This will involve whole texts and extracts, focusing on key reading skills to ensure fluency and comprehension of key concepts.

Maths:

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division. Within this, children will learn how to use formal methods when multiplying and dividing. They will also discuss and solve real-life, and reasoning problems – using a mastery approach in order to develop a deeper understanding of mathematics. We will also continue to build on our times table knowledge by practicing daily.

Science:

This half- term, in science, we will be studying Earth and Space! This is an exciting and fascinating subject where the children will learn how to describe the movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon; explore how the rotation of Earth creates day and night; learn about how Earth's tilt creates seasons; investigate the planets in the solar system and discover the phases of the Moon.

Geography:

Our topic for this half term is 'Africa'. Within this topic we will study the diversity of different countries throughout this varied continent. We will also study key features such as climate, deserts and savannahs. We will also study the impact of desertification and the key issues facing Africa today – such as food scarcity in parts of the continents.

Religious Education:

R.E this term will focus on 'Humanism'. Within this, children will learn about the key ideas of people who live a 'Humanist' life. Children will also study the similarities and differences between established religions and Humanist ideas.

PSHE:

Our topic for this half term will focus on 'Family and Friends'. Children will develop skills for making friends and be able to distinguish between healthy friendships and unhealthy friendships. Children will also learn how to resolve minor conflicts successfully, and how to effectively communicate with others.

Design Technology:

Children will have opportunities to design and create their own fabric masterpiece! Using a range of sewing skills, children will plan and make a fully-functioning cushion. They will learn stitches such as a running stitch and blanket stitch.

PE:

Indoor PE will focus on dance – this will link to our dance unit from last term. Children will develop and embed a range of street dance steps into their routines, in order to create a unique performance.

Outdoor PE will continue with the game of netball. Within our learning, we will look at key positions, tactical marking and movement around the court.

Music:

As well as learning songs for Christmas, the class will be studying various influential black musicians and appraising their music. We will be listening to music from a variety of genres, including: reggae, jazz, soul, gospel, R&B and hip-hop.

Computing:

Our topic this half term is learning how to create a range of vectors. Within the programme 'Google Draw', children will practice techniques such as duplicating, layering and rotating, in order to develop their computing knowledge.

Foreign Language:

Within French, children will continue to develop their oral sentence structure and pronunciation. They will focus on key items within the home, and will also have opportunities to practice their seasonal French – with the focus on Christmas!

Big Questions for the Half Term:

Geography – What do we know about the diversity of Africa?

Science - Why do we have day and night and different seasons? What are the planets in the solar system? Why does the moon appear to change shape?

RE – What does it mean to be a Humanist? How is it different to Christianity?

DT – How can we use sewing to develop an idea?

PHSE - How do we know what a positive relationship feels like?

Computing – What skills do we need to develop suitable vectors?

Music - Who are considered the most influential black musicians of all time and what is their music like?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

History –Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Continent, Africa, diversity, food scarcity, savannah, desert, desertification, climate.

RE – Humanism, World View, atheism, agnostic, Christianity, world view, Big Bang Theory.

DT – tacking, blanket stitch, running stitch, hemming.

PHSE – relationships, empathy, consideration, mutual, resolution, perspective.

Computing – vectors, duplicate, rotation, align, layer, modify.

Science – Earth, Sun, Moon, eclipse, season, rotate, axis, tilt, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, crescent, waxing, waning, gibbous.

Music – reggae, jazz, soul, gospel, R&B and hip-hop.

Other Information:

Please ensure that children come to school with a water bottle (filled) each day. This is **essential** to keep hydrated!

School trip to Africa Alive is on **Monday 14th November 2022**. Please ensure that your child arrives at school **at 7.45am** for registration.

Monday 14th November 2022 – Odd Socks Day! In support of Anti-Bullying Week, children may come to school wearing odd socks.