

Peacock Planning letter
Summer term 1/2
2018

Welcome to Peacock Class!

We have had a fantastic first week at school, the children are so lovely and I am really looking forward to working with you all to give your children the best possible start to their school life.

For the next few weeks the children will be learning all of the school routines and rules and getting to know myself, Mrs Duncan and each other. It is important for myself and Mrs Duncan to learn each child's individual characters in order to plan activities that are relevant to their development and so we will be asking the children over the next week to help us plan what activities they would like to see this term.

Literacy Development:

The children will be exploring books with a castle theme for example; 'Into the castle' and 'Zog'. We will be acting out these stories, writing character profiles and describing the settings. We will also be looking at non-fiction books related to castles and learning facts about the way of life, living within one. Our writing focus for the children this term is to learn and gain confidence using their phonics and use this knowledge within their reading and writing.

Reading:

This year we are aiming to hear your child read every day but we need your help as well! We would like all children to read at home each night. This includes reading a book independently, listening to you read a book or reading with / to you or another family member. Reading should be fun and not a chore, if your child is tired or not keen, do not worry, leave it for the time being and try again later.

Mathematical Development:

This term we will be covering:

- Counting and number recognition: Count numbers reliably to 20, Place numbers in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number and select the correct numeral to represent numbers 1-20.
- 2d and 3d shapes.

- Days of the week and months of the year.

P.E. kits: Our P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesday morning and on Friday morning. Please make sure your child has their full P.E. kit and it is clearly named.

R.E: The first half of the term we will be learning all about Harvest and in the second half we will be looking at the story of the first Christmas.

Forest School: Our sessions will take place on Thursday mornings. If anyone is able to help with this please speak to the office.

Homework: On a Friday I will be sending home learning for the children to complete with you over the weekend, this will normally be an extension of the learning we have been doing in class, to further understanding and provide discussion at home.

Wanted:

- Small cardboard boxes for our junk box modelling station - kitchen rolls tubes, small cereal boxes
- Castles story books.
- Castle resources our role play.
- Any resources you might have linked to our topic.

We are also hoping to organise a visit to a real castle - more details to follow.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to come and speak with me before or after school.

Many thanks,

Mrs Kent

