Class: Diamond



Our Learning Newsletter: Spring 1



English





Maths



In school we are learning:

We will begin to read the Jungle Book as a class and look at writing a short essay over the half term.

Home learning opportunities:

Any stories read together would be a good starting point, especially ones that involve anything to do with animals or the jungle. A particular point that would help is retelling the story in a sequence (beginning, middle, and end). Another idea would be to practise drawing pictures or writing out sentences about their favourite animals or pets.

In school we are learning:

We are focussing on shapes and their properties for a few weeks, before moving onto measuring and recording certain factors.

Home learning opportunities:

You can begin to identify shapes around the house (triangles, circles etc...), you can also make towers out of objects and try to identify which shapes are there. Another idea is going online and finding any sort of matching or identifying the shape game.



PSHE



Computing



In school we are learning:

Internet safety, specifically what steps you can take to make sure you are being responsible and safe online.

Home learning opportunities:

A discussion about why some video games or content are age restricted (violent, inappropriate etc...) and possibly a conversation around using a fake name online. Another idea could be to join in with some of the games they enjoy to get an understanding of what they are putting online.

In school we are learning:
All about spreadsheets; how to navigate

around them and enter data.

Home learning opportunities:

Using their purple mash log ins on an ipad, computer or even mobile phone, can they practise entering different data and competeing tasks on 2Calculate.



Life Skills





PE



In school we are learning:

Through a variety of activities we are learning important social skills of decision making, empathy, working as a team, turn taking, leadership and taking responsibility.

Home learning opportunities:

Play games with your child. This has so many social skills associated with this activity. Turntaking, sharing, following rules, listening and engaging. Try to use board games rather than screen based activities as it is so much more social.

In school we are learning:

Invasion games and striking the ball/puck.
These games will include hockey.
Home learning opportunities:

Continue work on physio programmes, look for different ways to be active (including walks or movement breaks if applicable) and a look into how hockey is played.



Discovery Days



In our discovery days we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects.

For our science this term we are learning about:

We are looking at biology this half term, focussing on animals and other species that live within the jungle and rainforest.

Home learning opportunities:

Research your favourite animals, what do they like to eat, where do they sleep, do they live with other animals or by themselves etc... Have a think about what type of environment we live in (what type of trees, the weather etc...) compared to what type of environment the jungle might be.

Useful Websites/Apps

Some of these may require login information. Please speak to your class teacher or child's key worker for details.

- Think U Know https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/home-activity-worksheets/
- Be Internet Legends https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/adventure
- Numbots https://play.numbots.com/ (also available as an app)
- The Human Body https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7x78xs
- Teach Your Monster https://www.teachyourmonster.org/ (free apps for phonics, reading for pleasure, number skills etc.)
- PurpleMash https://www.purplemash.com/sch/thecedar-so16#/ (range of activities)
- Times Tables Rockstars https://play.ttrockstars.com/
- StoryLine Online https://storylineonline.net/

Class Reminders

- Youtube will only be accessible from a 'kids only' account from now on in school
- The school policy on phones was sent out recently, please inform class teachers if another copy is needed