

Peake Class Topic Map Spring 1

I hope you have all had a wonderful festive break and happy new year! It is a fun-filled half term with lots going on. Please find below all the information about what will be happening in Peake class as we start the new year.

Maths

We will spend a couple of weeks learning about shapes, both 2D and 3D, before returning to addition and subtraction to practise and embed skills. We will explore this topic with numbers within 100 and use our place value knowledge to support us as we extend our conceptual understanding of adding and taking away.



English

We will explore two different stories this half term: The Lion and the Mouse, and Meerkat Mail. Children will work towards retelling a story and creating a fact file over the course of the six weeks. As the children are now familiar with retelling stories, having completed two in the Autumn term, I look forward to seeing the progress they will all make!

Reading

Once children have mastered reading, they quickly develop better spelling and writing skills and become more independent learners. We hope you will listen to your child read every night—10 minutes a day is over an hour of reading in a week—and it makes a significant difference to your child's success in reading and writing!

SPaG

Children will be sent home with spellings each week, tested on a Monday. Please ensure your child brings their spelling book in on these days.

Spellings are linked to the sound they have been learning in phonics to enable children to use their phonic knowledge when writing the words.

Science

We will begin a new topic all about the seasons and the weather. We will learn about different ways meteorologists record the weather and have a go at collecting our own data using a rain gauge, a wind vane and a thermometer. We will also find out about the four seasons and what the weather is typically like during each season.

RE

We will continue our RE journey and explore the religion of Islam. We will learn about who Allah is to Muslims and why He matters to them.



PE

Our topics in PE this half term are gymnastics and dance. We are very fortunate that an external dance specialist will be leading dance lessons for our pupils again this year.

PE will continue to take place on a Monday and a Wednesday.

Respect, Aspire, Challenge, Succeed

History

Our History learning will be covered in the second half of the Spring term.



Geography

Our new topic is called 'The UK'. Children will be able to name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom as well as identifying their capital cities and major landmarks. We will discuss the UK flag and explore how it has been made by taking parts of each of the flags of the four countries that make up the UK.

PSHE

Our topic is Diversity and Communities. This unit enables children to develop an age appropriate understanding of inclusion and equality for all, taking account of race, ethnicity, religion, culture and language, different abilities, gender, sexual orientation and age, within the school and the local community.

Music

Our topic is animals in music. Children will explore what pitch is and practise changing their pitch through the focus songs from The Carnival of the Animals by French composer Camille Saint-Saëns.

Computing

We will begin the term by catching up on missed lessons from last term, before investigating and creating our own simple spreadsheets. Children will use tools on Purple Mash to input simple calculations into the spreadsheets.

Art

Within our architecture topic, children will learn about the architectural features architects use to design buildings, and have a go at drawing a significant building in London. Towards the end of the half term, we will use clay to make our own gargoyles found on the sides of some old buildings.

DT

The area of DT we will be covering is 'Sew'. Children will design and make their own sock puppets that they can interact with to entertain each other.

Donations of old/odd clean socks for this DT project would be very much appreciated.

Home Learning Expectations

Please refer to our homework expectations leaflet for our homework format.

If you have any questions please ask—

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