



Elizabeth Class Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have stayed safe during this difficult period and assure you that you have all been in our thoughts and prayers during our school closure. I would like to introduce myself as your child's class teacher, Miss Slattery. I am privileged to have the support of Miss Castagno this year in Elizabeth Class. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum content your child will be studying over the next half term, as well as of their day-to-day routines and procedures.

English

Your child takes part in English lessons every day and will be working on developing their writing skills through a range of exciting texts, beginning with, The Naughty Bus. Your child will continue to develop their phonics knowledge to enable them to identify letter sounds and apply these when reading and spelling new words. They will also continue to practise their handwriting in order to ensure their letters are formed correctly and help them develop a fluid, joined style. To assist your child with their reading development, please support and encourage them to read aloud at home every night for 20 minutes.

Maths

In maths, your child will continue to develop their understanding of place value, number and counting strategies. Your child will also develop their confidence with addition, working with more efficient strategies to calculate an increasing range of number. With all of our maths concepts, we provide your child with opportunities to apply these strategies to word problems and different real life situations. In the coming weeks, your child will receive a maths target card along with a leaflet containing ideas for exercises to help them progress in their targeted areas of learning. Additionally, they will receive a Mathletics login in order to practise target areas of their mathematics online at home.

Science

This half term, your child will be learning about the topic 'Animals including Humans'. In this unit, your child will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals as well as sorting and comparing them according to their diet and characteristics. Your child will also explore the human body, learning which sense each body part is associated with. Additionally, they will develop their understanding of seasonal change through careful observation of the world around them.

Across their study of this topic, your child will be encouraged to develop their skills at working scientifically. This includes using simple equipment and using their observation skills to suggest answers to questions.

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In the topic 'Families' your child will reflect upon the special people in their family and how they receive love and care. They will explore what family life was

like for Jesus growing up and learn about their role in the family of God, who takes care of everyone.

Furthermore, this half term, your child will learn about Judaism with a special focus upon key Jewish people: Abraham and Moses. They will learn why these people are so important to the faith of Judaism and to us as Christians.

History/Geography

In history this half term, your child will learn about the lives and work of two significant British people: Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They will find out key events in their lives and plot these on to a timeline. Alongside this, your child will examine why Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole travelled to the Crimea and helped injured soldiers. After, they will discuss and question the impact that these individuals have had on nursing and healthcare in the UK.

DT

In DT this term, your child will design and make their own bookmark from fabric. They will develop their cutting skills and learn a basic running stitch before evaluating whether their bookmark is a successful product.

Computing

In the first half term, we will be focusing on our understanding of algorithms! We will be looking at what an algorithm is, how computers use them and how we can start creating them ourselves. We will also be learning about bugs, which can cause an algorithm to go wrong, and how we can fix them. We will also investigate algorithms, before testing them, and predict whether or not they will work – can we spot bugs before they happen?

PSHE

During the autumn term, your child will learn how rules are important in school and create their own class rules. They will also learn St. Joseph's Mission Statement and consider what makes a good friend. With this in mind, they will write a playground pledge to explain how they will be a good friend this year.

Music

This half term your child will have the opportunity to take part in weekly music sessions with the school's specialist music teacher Mr Dixon. They will be exploring Disco music!

PE

This half term your child will be taking part in outdoor P.E. every Wednesday, where they will be developing their throwing and catching skills. They will practise different ways of throwing accurately and learn to pass the ball to others so they can catch it easily. They will also consider how to increase their speed and accuracy in games and develop their teamwork skills to enable them to enjoy competitive games.

In addition, your child will also have indoor PE every Tuesday in which they will be learning and practising the skills of balancing and travelling, using the theme of animals! We will be practising holding a balance steadily for a count of three and using different animals to inspire our body shapes. We will also be practising

moving on different levels and at different paces, again using different animals to inspire us. Our aim is to increase our strength and awareness when moving around and when being still.

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit for all lessons, ensuring that all items of clothing are clearly marked with their full name.

Routines

Next week, your child will begin receiving homework to support their learning in class. More information about this will follow in a separate letter.

It is important that your child brings their school water bottle, full, to school each day. If your child does not have a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.50. Please ensure any money sent into school, is enclosed in a school money pocket and detailed with the necessary information. Money pockets can be purchased from the school reception. Please remember to check your child's school bag for any letters which may require parental permission.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Slattery
Elizabeth Class Teacher