

## Birkrigg Curriculum Overview Summer 1 2018- Growing

### English

We are starting our new term with a traditional story, Jack and the Beanstalk then moving on to looking at non-fiction / information texts. We will finish the half term by using Handa's Surprise and Handa's Hen as a basis for our Talk for Writing.

Please remember to sign your child's reading record so they can collect their stickers on their Mini Me's. I change the books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays most weeks so if children have read they can potentially collect 3 stickers per week.

Library Book change day is Wednesday.

In handwriting we are going to learn the correct formation of the Zig Zag letters, the Long Ladder Letters and capital letters.

### Maths

As well as continuing our work with numbers (to 10, 20 and 100), we will be looking at sharing and multiplying. We will also investigate capacity, time and money along with 2d and 3d shapes.

### Science

We will investigate growing through planting and growing beans and hatching butterflies in our Butterfly Garden. Throughout this term we continue to monitor the development of our tadpoles.

We will also look at ourselves and learn about all the things we need to keep ourselves healthy such as healthy eating, sleep, hygiene and exercise.

### RE

Our topic for this half term is 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be thinking about the wonders of God's natural world and how we can appreciate and care for it. As part of this topic we will hold another Birkrigg Pet's Day where we invite children (and parents / carers) to bring their pets into school either for the whole day (rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs etc) or for an 'appointment' to meet the class.

### Physical

We will continue our work on body shapes and making simple sequences in gym. Mrs Hartley from UVHS will continue working with Reception in Gym, mainly focussing on large apparatus. Please ensure earrings are removed prior to these sessions.

Sending and receiving different PE equipment will continue to be the focus for our Games sessions. We hope to get out for more sessions as the weather becomes warmer, either on the playground or the field.

Dance sessions will be led by Mrs O' Neill. The children will learn various movement sequences, use different heights, speeds and different sized groups to make and combine movements to create a story through dance.

### History

We are going to look at children's personal histories by making our own timelines to introduce vocabulary associated with the past.

### Personal, Social and Emotional

Our unit is entitled 'Getting On and Falling Out' and we will consolidate the skills we have learnt over this year that help us recognise the strengths of our friends, and help children learn new ways to think about their feelings and resolve conflicts more independently.

### Creative

In music with Mrs O'Neill, the children will learn about volume and timbre. They will experiment with different ways of making and changing sounds and learn how to match different pitches.

In DT we will be designing and building robots, focussing on moving parts and experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

We are also planning some sewing for this half term.

### Things to remember

- Please can all children have a full PE kit in school.
- Toast Money for this half term is £1.80 if you wish to pay in advance.
- Please make sure you have ordered your child's milk online on the Cool Milk website. It can take a few weeks for payments to go through and your child to appear on the 'milk list.' If your child turns 5 this term, most parents and carers will need to pay for their child's milk.
- Report slips need to be commented upon once you receive your child's report in Week 2, then returned to school as soon as possible, please.