

Birkrigg - Spring 2

Welcome back to a new half term. Our topic this half term is Eggs. The children have found a large egg in the classroom and are wondering if it is going to hatch and what might come out of it!



Literacy

We will continue to teach Phonics daily using our new Phonics scheme. In addition, the children will have 3 short reading practice sessions weekly using the new reading books we have in school. We will change home reading books once a week. The children will bring their new books home on a Tuesday along with a book an adult can read to them. Please comment in your child's reading journal if you have heard your child read. As staff are hearing the children read in our new reading practice sessions, we will not be listening to the children read the book they bring home as often.

Like last half term, we will read a combination of story books and information books over the coming weeks. Our story books include 'The Odd Egg', 'Dinosaur Chase' and 'Rosie's Walk'. We will make predictions about a text, write descriptions, and write facts about dinosaurs.

Maths

We are going to be working with numbers to 10 including ordering numbers to 10 and finding the number bonds to make 10. We will also be looking at comparing and finding ways to measure the height and length of objects and investigating 3-D shapes and patterns.

Understanding the World

In our Science work we are going to start by sorting animals that hatch from eggs and animals that do not hatch from eggs. We will move on to some work about dinosaurs including learning about carnivores and herbivores. We will also think about Spring and the changes we might see in our local environment during this season. Towards Easter, we are going to learn about life cycles, in particular the life cycle of a chicken. During March we will celebrate Science Week by exploring some of the activities on the British Science Week website.

At the beginning of this half term, we are going to take part in Fairtrade Fortnight and find out all about cocoa beans! If you have any Fairtrade products at home, it would be lovely if children could search for the Fairtrade logo and bring in the wrappers or stickers so that we can make a class Fairtrade collage.



We will think about how the world looked during dinosaur times, exploring what is similar and what is different.

RE

Our topic this half term is 'What is a special symbol?'. We will relate this to the Easter story and how Christians celebrate Easter. We will think about Palm Sunday and make palm leaves and explore symbols of the cross and Easter eggs.

PSE

We are going to think about how we need to look after our egg. We will also think about why we eat eggs and what is our favourite way to eat eggs. As usual we will continue to work cooperatively, take turns and follow instructions as we make different things to eat.

Music

This half term the unit is called 'Our World'. Miss Hayter will continue to teach Music on a Tuesday afternoon.

Expressive Arts and Design

Linked to our Eggs topic, we are going to make our own large 'odd' eggs using papier-mache. We will also use salt dough again when we think about dinosaurs and fossils later in the half term. We will try some observational drawings of fossils. We will end the half term with a variety of Easter crafts. There are opportunities within continuous provision for children to paint, explore junk modelling, colour and work on collages or cutting and sticking activities.

Computing

The children enjoyed using the Bee-Bots last month and I am hoping there will be time to explore these further. There will be new activities on Mini-Mash linked to Dinosaurs, Spring and Easter. Children will also have an opportunity to learn how to write a sentence using one of the writing templates on the reading and writing section of Mini-Mash.

PE

We continue to have two hall times for PE on Monday and Thursday afternoons. This half term we will take part in a dance unit all about eggs. Mr Leach will be leading a games unit where the children practise and refine their running skills and practise turning their body to change direction. They will continue to practise their throwing and catching skills.

As last half term, weather permitting, we will use the bikes and scooters on the school playground and visit the field where possible on a Friday afternoon.

If you have any further questions, please ask.

Miss Turner