

Birkrigg - Spring 2

Welcome back to a new half term. Our topic this half term is Eggs. The children are going to find a large egg in the classroom to look after. Hopefully it might hatch!

Literacy

We continue to teach Phonics daily and in addition, the children will have 3 short reading practice sessions weekly using the new reading books we have in school. We will continue to change home reading books twice a week on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please comment in your child's reading journal if you have heard your child read. The children can also borrow a book from the school library. They will choose one on a Tuesday and can keep it for the week.

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 start the half term by finishing some work on length, height and time (days of the week) before continuing our number work including all numbers to 10, the composition of the numbers, ordering numbers to 10 and looking at the number bonds to make 10. We will continue our work on doubling, and odd and even numbers. We will also be investigating 3-D shapes and extend our repeating patterns work from the Autumn term.

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.

We are going to talk about people who help us in our local community.

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 Easter and why Christians believe Easter is all about love. We will look at events including Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Day and the different feelings associated with them.

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'.

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 always opportunities within continuous provision for children to paint, explore junk modelling, colour and work on collages or cutting and sticking activities.

Computing

This half term we hope to get the Bee-Bots up and running for the children to explore. 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. This half term we will take part in a dance unit all about eggs. There will also be 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.

If you have any further questions, please ask.

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