

Fireflies Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 1



As Readers we will be learning the story of The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. This will cover the children being able to retell all, or parts of the story with the use of their story map.



As Mathematicians we will be spending time ensuring we have a secure knowledge and understanding of place value, thinking about how many tens and ones are in our numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction.



As Writers we will be undertaking some short burst writing building on our story. We will be exploring the use of adjectives and speech to describe characters and places. We will be using sequencing language to develop our stories and learning about how to write a recount.



As Artists and Designers, we will be looking at the work of Henri Rousseau. This means exploring and using new vocabulary such as tones and materials. As the term progresses, we will be adding to our class jungle collage to show each stage of the art and design process.



As Scientists we will learn about animals and what that means for us. Initially we will become nature detectives as we observe and sketch minibeasts habitats in our science missions. We will then look at being great pet owners and discussing how we can keep our pets happy and healthy, including designing our own pets.



As Geographers we are developing our fieldwork skills as we use globes, maps and atlases to explore our world. We will be making this relevant to the children by playing games, using technology such as Google Earth, and building local features within our areas.



As athletes we will be learning about sending and returning games – thinking about working as a team to develop coordination, communication and agility. We will spend time each week practising a necessary skill to play a game or two before we break up for half term.



As Theologians we will be studying Christianity and the teachings of Jesus. We will be interpreting and investigating the key question: Is it possible to be kind to everyone all the time?



As Musicians we will be learning Hands, Feet and Heart. We will notice the different instruments, pulse, rhythms and lyrics, using our bodies to show these elements.

This overview is intended to give you a flavour of what we will be learning this half term. If you recognise any of this 'good learning' at home, please feel free to message on SeeSaw with photos or write it on a post it note and send it into school so that we can add it to your child's learning. This will help us to recognise the next steps in learning that your child needs to take