

PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Curriculum Information

Year 4 Summer Term 2 2024

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
<p>English</p>	<p>This half term the children will be focussing on the text 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. Working alongside this text the children will be working on descriptive writing techniques such as expanded noun phrase, similes, metaphors and prepositions to describe characters and setting. Children will then apply these descriptive techniques to narrative writing.</p> <p>Spelling Tests will take place on a Tuesday. English homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Discuss, and help your child to find, the meanings of any unfamiliar words. Ask your child to summarise what they have read or to recap the story so far. Please help your child to read every night and record on the Boom Reader App. Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practice at home makes such a difference. Encourage the use of a dictionary to find definitions of new vocabulary.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Please encourage your child to explore reading activities on Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week too. Children can access the Immersive reader/dictate tools on OneNote to support with Reading and Writing.</p>
<p>Phonics</p>	<p>For those children still having Phonics sessions, these will be daily and focus on their individual Phonics phase. Children will be segmenting and blending sounds and encouraged to spell them correctly.</p>	<p>Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Encourage children to segment and blend sounds when reading and practise spelling the words they are given on a weekly basis.</p>



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<p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on Money and Time, in Measurement. The children will look at conversions of mass, capacity and length, as well as reading, writing and converting time between analogue and digital and solving problems. In Geometry, children will be focusing on position and directions and in Statistics will be looking at line graphs. Children will be applying their skills of mental and formal addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to a range of one and two-step problems.</p> <p>Children will have timetable activities three times a week in lessons - this will include a test. Please ensure your child accesses TT Rockstars at home. Maths homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p>Please support your child in recalling the multiplication tables at home up to 12x12.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to perform mental additions, subtractions, multiplication, and divisions whilst shopping, cooking, etc.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Your child can explore TT Rockstars, MyMaths, TopMarks and Supermovers on the link below: Times Tables Rock Stars (ttrockstars.com) https://www.mymaths.co.uk/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Children will be completing Science lessons as part of their topic, 'Blue Abyss' and Science topic Living things and their habitats.</p> <p>Children will be sorting and classifying sea creatures, learning about the oceanic food chains, and researching the threats to marine life.</p> <p>They will be reporting findings from enquiries and asking scientific questions when investigating Brine Shrimps.</p>	<p>You can carry out research on: Different types of marine creatures. What is marine conservation?</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Check out these websites: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6qvk7 https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/education-resources/?nav_click</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>No History is taught this half term.</p>	
<p>Geography</p>	<p>In Geography, the children will be completing a topic called 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'. This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.</p>	<p>Visit https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7w8pg8#zhmnydm to learn more about rivers.</p>



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Art & Design	This project, called 'Animal', is linked to Misty Mountain , Winding River . This project teaches children about the historical and cultural portrayal of animals in art. They study the visual qualities of animals through sketching, printmaking and clay modelling.	Encourage your child to sketch and draw patterns.
Design and Technology	No Design and Technology lessons taught this half term.	
Computing	Children will be using Scratch to code objects to create an animation. They will be exploring how to stay safe online through online safety lessons. In school children will be shown how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content on the internet.	Please ensure your child is only accessing age-appropriate content online - this includes used of streaming such as Netflix. <u>Online learning</u> Coding activities to complete at home: https://turtleacademy.com//lessons
PE	Children will be taught the key skills for Basketball during indoor PE this half term, where they will learn different pass techniques, ball control and shots at the net. In outdoor PE, the children will be taught key skills for Athletics developing coordination skills and sportsmanship. The children will demonstrate a broader range of throwing, running and jumping techniques, in isolation or combination, with improving accuracy and competence and compete in a team games. They will pass a relay baton at speed using a push pass, change pace of movement and to improve running techniques. Outdoor PE day - Friday (weather permitting) Indoor PE day - Thursday	You can support your child by practising throwing/catching balls. Please make sure your child has full P.E kit. • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back. For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.
Swimming	Three weeks of water safety and personal survival will take place this term, developing knowledge of safety in and around	Please remember all children will need to bring a bag with their swimming costume/trunk, swimming hat and towel.



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	<p>open water. Children will experience swimming in extra clothing, practising rescues and knowing how to help in an emergency. As a final treat for the end of term a game of mini-water polo will be played.</p> <p>Swimming day - Monday</p>	<p>For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.</p>
RE	<p>In Religious Education, children will explore Christian Aid and Islamic Relief. They will study the importance of charity within both religions and explore how Christians and Muslims give charity.</p>	<p>It is important that children are taught about tolerance and respect the beliefs of others.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Find out more about Christianity: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/zvfnkmn Find out more about Islam: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtstk</p>
PSHE	<p>This half term, children will be studying the topic 'Relationships and Changes'. Children will be exploring the changes in life, understanding different relationships and understand how to deal with changes.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child any worries or concerns that they have. Encourage your child to show respect and resilience at home. Talk to them about the discussions they have had in weekly class assemblies.</p>
Music	<p>Children will listen to and sing 60s pop music. They will focus on The Beatles. Children will discuss instruments, texture, tempo and the other interrelated dimensions of music.</p> <p>Children have Steel Pans lessons on a Wednesday.</p>	<p>Please encourage children to listen to 60s pop music.</p>
German	<p>Children will be learning German words for modes of Transport via Linguascope. They will learn how to describe how you travel/ ways of travelling to and transport within Germany.</p>	<p>Please visit Linguascope to learn how to say different words in German: https://www.linguascope.com/preview/</p>
Visits and Visitors	<p>W/C 03.06.24 - Year 4 Multiplication Check Tests 05.06.24 - Steel Pans Dress Rehearsal 12.06.24 - Steel Pans Concert W/C 10.06.24 - Year 4 Multiplication Check Tests for absent children.</p>	<p>Please encourage your child to share their experiences at school with you at home.</p>



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	1.07.24 - Sports Day 15.07.24 - Open Evening	
Curriculum Days	Our curriculum day will focus on work related to our Blue Abyss topic.	