



Ranworth Curriculum Newsletter ~ Spring 1

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas, a great new year and managed to find some time to relax. Hopefully, your children are ready and excited for 2019.

This half term in Ranworth our topic is called 'Somewhere to Settle'. We will be looking at our local area and how it has changed over time, physically and socially.

Here is some more information about what the children will be learning this half term:

<p>English Children will bring home spellings each Monday to learn for the Friday. As part of the Primary Writing Project the children will be developing their story telling and writing skills. This half term we will be focusing on writing a cliffhanger, warning tale and developing our skills when writing a recount.</p>	<p>Maths In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources. The children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division before we move our focus to measurements. In the final few weeks we will begin looking at fractions. As always, Mathematics is a great way to practice the skills learnt in class and develop rapid recall of number bonds and times tables. Please encourage your child to continue using this at home.</p>	<p>Science Over our science lessons the children will investigate living things and their habitat. Through this the children will learn to use classification keys to identify and group species. They will also learn about the effects that environmental changes have on living things and their habitats.</p>	<p>Music The children will have an hour of music with Ms. Owen-Smith. This will be singing and percussion based on the requirements of the National Curriculum.</p>
<p>Topic – Somewhere to Settle Our topic for this half-term will have a geography focus. We will be looking at how towns and cities within the UK first developed. We will be largely focusing on the local area of Dunham and Kings Lynn; however, we will also draw on information from other locations. We will look at what makes a good location to settle and why the early settlers may have chosen these locations. We will also work on developing our map skills whilst investigating how the land use of our local area has changed over time.</p>			

Helpful Websites

Below you will find some websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

Maths

www.mathletics.co.uk

Reading

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)

www.spag.com

Topic related

<https://www.getoutwiththekids.co.uk/family-hiking/teaching-kids-map-reading/>

Books and Book Bags

Thank you for continuing to read with your children and writing a comment in their reading records. It is very important that your child is reading every day. The children can change their books as soon as they have read them.

We will also be using the school library each week and the children will be choosing a book that interests them and bringing it home to share. These might not be books that the children can read independently, or, especially in the case of non-fiction books, ones that they want to read all of. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they chose them and then letting them return the books when they are ready.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE on Wednesday and Friday. However, please send PE kits in on Monday and allow your child to leave their kit in school all week as they may need to do PE at different times to their usual lesson. The children will have PE outside on both days.

Details of PE kits are on the school website.

Snacks

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit for morning break.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle, this should be placed on the shelf by the sink in the classroom. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

Trip/Visit

- Stories of Lynn – 22nd January 2019

I hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 3/4 Team

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