



Hickling Curriculum Newsletter ~ Autumn 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holidays and that your children are excited to begin the new academic year. We are looking forward to a busy half term, packed with learning. This half term in Hickling our topic is titled 'The Rare River Nar'; we will explore the river Nar along with its geographical and historical features.

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

English Children will be developing their story telling and writing skills. We will be focusing on writing a tale of fear and newspaper report.	Maths In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources. The children will be focussing on place value and the four operations. As always, Mathletics is a great way to practise the skills that we cover in class. Please continue to encourage your child to use this regularly at home.	Science The children will learn about living things in their habitat. They will be looking at how animals, plants and microorganisms are classified, the Linnaean system of classification and undertaking some field work.	Music The children will have an hour of music each week with Ms Owen-Smith. This will be singing and percussion based on the requirements of the National Curriculum.
Topic – The Rare River Nar The children are going to explore the river Nar, which runs from West Acre to King's Lynn. During Topic lessons we will be focussing on the geographical features of rivers, along with the skills associated, such as: mapping, sketching and completing ecological surveys. Along with this, will take a look at settlements along the river and their history. The children will also study famous river paintings; using these to inspire their own piece of artwork.			

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)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhrtd2p>

Topic related

<https://norfolkriverstrust.org/river/river-nar/>

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/castle-acre-castle-acre-priory/>

Spelling

This year we are going to continue with 'No Nonsense Spelling'. Children will have spelling lessons during the week based on a common sound, pattern or rule. Please encourage your child to continue learning the common exception words at home – if you require a copy of this list, please let one of us know.

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. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they have chosen them and discussing what they have enjoyed, or not, about them.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday; 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 in school. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

Key dates

5th Sept – Fieldwork trip to the river Nar

10th Oct – Revisit to the river Nar

17th Oct – Art gallery for parents

We hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to either of us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team

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