



Curriculum Newsletter 2020-21

Ranworth Autumn 1

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are so happy to see the children back in school, and we are looking forward to the term ahead.

This year we have made some changes to our 'topic' work. Our topics are now called 'projects' and will last a whole term. This term we will be exploring the question of - **Why is the rest of the world so interested in Ancient Egypt?** Each project explores its own key concepts alongside the National Curriculum. The key concepts we will be exploring this term are: class, equality, discrimination

Here is some information about what the children will be learning:

English	Maths	Science
<p>The children will be writing for different purposes; instructions; information texts; wishing tales; defeating the monster tales. They will be exploring plot and characterisation.</p> <p>Grammar sessions will focus on: word types, prefixes, word families and plurals.</p> <p>Children will bring home spellings to learn each week. These will include the spelling from the statutory spelling list (attached)</p> <p>Children need to read every day at home.</p>	<p>Year 3~ working with numbers up to 100. Roman numerals up to 12. Counting in multiples of 3, 4, 6 and 8. (Children should already know 2, 5, 10)</p> <p>Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division within 1000.</p> <p>Year 4~ working with numbers up to 10,000. Know all times tables up to 12 x 12. Roman numerals up to 100. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division within 10,000.</p>	<p>We will develop a range of science skills whilst exploring the following areas:</p> <p><u>Forces and magnets</u> Identifying forces; how different surfaces affect friction; how magnets attract and repel each other</p> <p><u>Rocks</u> Comparing different kinds of rocks; looking at fossils</p>
<p>RHE: Understand why and how rules are made. Recognise their own worth. Develop a basic understanding of democracy. Participate in UK Parliament Week.</p> <p>E-safety.</p>		
<p>Project: Why is the rest of the world so interested in Ancient Egypt?</p> <p>Working as historians, the children will use a range of sources and artefacts to develop their understanding of life in Ancient Egypt and how things changed during that time period. They will recognise the importance of the work of archaeologists and the impact that Ancient Egypt still has today. They will make models of artefacts and tomb designs as well as learning about the geography of Egypt. The children will also work with clay to produce Egyptian inspired pottery and crafts. Next week, the children will be visited by Swaffham Museum for an Egyptian workshop and we are hopefully going to Castle Museum in November to further enhance the learning. At the end of term, the children will celebrate their work and share this with you. Dependent on the current guidance this will either be virtually or in school. We will keep you informed as we move towards the end of term.</p>		

Helpful Websites

Lots of you have expressed an interest in websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

Maths

www.mathletics.co.uk

www.purplemash.com

English

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Topic

Ducksters.com

Nustem.uk

Books

It is very important that your child is reading every day. Encouraging them, discussing and sharing books and listening to them read is key to them developing a love of reading and making good progress in all they do.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Please send PE kits in on Monday to 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, so please ensure that the children have a tracksuit and appropriate footwear as they will be outside whatever the weather. The children will bring their PE kits home after the final PE lesson of the week for washing.

Wellington Boots

Please can the children bring wellies in on Wednesday and leave them in school until Thursday afternoon. We are walking on the field on each of those days, every week, and wellies will help avoid wet feet.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school EVERY day.

Trip/Visit

16th September~ Swaffham Museum into school

30th November~ Visit to Castle Museum, Norwich

NB: In the event of another lockdown, or a child/ family having to self-isolate, parents are responsible for ensuring that children complete a full day (5 hours) of home learning as guided by the class teacher and have one online lesson daily with a teacher.

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

Kind Regards,

Mr. Whitty, Mrs. Mummery, Mrs. Nour