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Class F Topic letter Autumn 2020

Time Travellers

Hello and welcome to the Autumn Term, after what we hope was a restful summer break. We welcome you to Class Flamingo and hope that your children will be inspired and excited by the lessons we have planned for them.

Topic

Our topic for this term is "Remember Me" which will involve looking into the past at famous people who had a significant impact on our lives such as Amelia Earhart and The Wright Brothers as well as looking into Remembrance Day and The Gunpowder Plot.

Class Routines

Mrs Buer teaches on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs McIntosh teaches Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Murdamootoo is our Learning Support Assistant (LSA) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Williams will be the class LSA on a Thursday and Friday morning. We encourage the children to drink regularly, from a water bottle during school time and would therefore ask you to provide a named bottle of fresh water for your child daily.

Homework - Reading

Reading is a vital part of education and we would ask that an adult hears your child read regularly at home and makes a note in the reading diary. In Year Two, as reading develops, it is equally important to discuss the text with your child as well as 'hear' them read, to develop their comprehension skills. We check the diaries every day and on a Friday count up the number of times a child has read to an adult at home. If this is three times or more your child will be given a sticker as a 'Bookworm Award'.

In Class F, as Year Two children, we expect the children to generally change their own books first thing in the morning (we are on hand to help where and when needed, especially at first). We will always remind the children when they first come in to change their books and give them time to do so.



Homework - Maths

We will be asking the children to complete tasks on the Mathletics websites (username and passwords given) that will help consolidate or extend your child's learning from in the classroom. We will cover the area of maths in class first then set the tasks to do at home. Your child will be set activities on Mathletics fortnightly but please feel free to do any other activities your child wishes to attempt.

During this term your child will be given a password for an online multiplication game (Times Table Rockstars), which in the past, the children have really enjoyed and can challenge each other and themselves whilst having fun!

Homework - spellings

Spellings will follow the same format as in Year One with weekly spellings and half termly common exception words to learn. Tests will take place on a TUESDAY in school. We do ask for spelling books to be returned to school as soon as you have celebrated the result with your child. Spelling sheets will be sent home ASAP in September. We will adjust spellings once we know your children well so each child works at their level.

Our Curriculum

English - English is taught daily as well as being embedded throughout all lessons. This term our genre areas are: stories in familiar settings, traditional stories, stories with a historical theme, an alternative version of a well-known story, a story based on one from a different culture, recounts, instructions, diary entries, recounts and poetry.

In Year Two we focus on correct letter formation to enable children to join their letters up. Children are encouraged to neatly write the date and title of their book in their reading diaries themselves when reading at home.

Maths - maths is taught as a lesson every day but we also try to include real life maths in the classroom as much as possible. We will start with looking at place value and really consolidating previous learning. When they are ready, we will be encouraging children to recognise, compare, use and work with numbers up to 100, partitioning two-digit numbers and beginning to count in ones, twos, fives and tens. Through the term, we will move on to the four calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and incorporating the area of "money" with this. We will



also spend a week looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will always endeavour to make maths as practical as we can to start each topic.

Science - our science topic is materials. Again we will link this to our topic and looking at materials used in making things that fly in the past as well as bringing it up to date and we will be looking at changing materials, recycling and the properties of materials.

Computing - We will be looking at how to stay safe online, understanding the dangers and children should seek help if necessary, making our own set of online safety rules for the class. We will also be looking at algorithms to program a Beebot and discussing ways in which we use technology in our world.

History - Our topic is Remember Me and we will be focussing on significant individuals from the past. The children will learn to use primary and secondary sources for research, to tell the difference between past and present in their own and other people's lives, to know how people lived in the past and the different jobs that had to be done whilst recognising some of the similarities and differences between periods of time. We will be learning about a number of significant individuals from the past starting with Amelia Earhart.

Geography - Linked to our topic we will be looking at where Amelia Earhart flew and the lines of longitude, latitude and the equator. We will also look at maps, atlases and globes.

Art and Design/DT - We will be experimenting with a variety of media; pencils, crayons, pastels, charcoal and Chalk. We will be doing some sketching of castles, silhouettes, looking at colour, shade and tone. We will be using everyday junk modelling hot air balloons and aeroplanes and then evaluating their creation.

Music - Mrs Long will be teaching the children Music every week. They will be looking at finding the beat (pulse) in different pieces of music, practising playing along to the beat. They will learn about how rhythms are written, building on previously taught lessons.

Physical Education - Outdoor PE. This will be taught by Premier Sports and they will be following our curriculum outdoor team games and ball skills.

Indoor PE - We will be covering Dance. The children will look at copying and creating movements and linking them together to create a beginning, middle and end. They will be performing using control, movement phrases using a range of body actions and body parts. We will look at the effects exercising has on the body.



Please ensure your child has all their PE kit named and a spare set of socks for as they often get damp if the field is wet or, if children are wearing tights they need socks to change into please.

Religious Education - This term we will be looking at Special People and Special places. We will be looking at the role people play in the local community, famous people and how we commemorate well-known people. We will incorporate learning about specific celebrations including Harvest, Remembrance Day and Christmas. Additional foci will be Sikhism; naming ceremonies and weddings.

We will also be looking at places that are special to us; our school, the town we live in and places we visit for a holiday. We will look at Christianity, the local church and other local places of worship. Additional foci will be Islam.

PSHEe & C. This is taught exclusively every week and will be looking at the following headings over the term.

Relationships

Families and Friendships Making friends; feeling lonely and getting help.

Safe Relationships Managing secrets; resisting pressure and getting help; recognising hurtful behaviour.

Respecting ourselves and others Recognising things in common and differences; playing and working cooperatively, sharing opinions.

Languages - The children will be taught French every week by Madame Dekkar. They will be looking at how to say days of the week and phrases about weather and travel. They will also add to the repertoire of songs and rhymes they already know.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a great year with your children. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have our Class F email address (classf@danburypark.essex.sch.uk) which we will look at regularly and we also check reading diaries daily so you could pop a note in there.

We look forward to a happy and successful year with your children.

Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Buer
Class Flamingo Teachers

