



Parents' Information Sheet

Class: Skylarks

Term: Autumn 2

Theme: Blood heart

English

Texts

The children are reading a narrative this term called The Selfish Giant; from this they will produce a narrative from the view point of the tree. The children will then be reading A Christmas Carol and producing a biography of Charles Dickens.

Spelling

The children will focus on learning spelling rules including silent letters, homophones, plurals and strategies for learning new spellings/words.

Punctuation

Children will be including advanced forms of punctuation in their writing, they will practice using commas, speech marks, parenthesis and exclamation marks in their writing alongside always remembering their capital letters and full stops.

Grammar

When writing their narratives the children will be learning how to include adjectives, similes and metaphors to help them to describe characters and settings. The children will practice using conjunctions and time conjunctions to link their ideas.

Handwriting

The children will be practicing using neat, legible and cursive handwriting, focusing on the formation of letters and joining correctly.

Mathematics

This half term in mathematics the children will be learning how to order, compare and simplify fractions. They will also be learning about place value and decimal places.

Mental Maths and Countdown

Learning times tables up to 12 times table, recalling multiplication and division facts, and using number bonds to 10 to help with more difficult number problems.

Science

Blood heart

Through our topic Blood Heart the children will be learning about the heart, lungs and circulatory system. They will learn about the different parts of the heart and also get the opportunity to dissect a real heart!

I.C.T

The children will use Microsoft word to create a fact file about the heart. The children will also publish their English work using ICT and they will learn how to change the font, sizing and add images.

Religious Education

In RE, the children will look at the religions Christianity and Judaism. They will compare the religions and will study how Jews believe and show their commitment to god.

Art & Design

The children will design and create a 3d heart for the display using a range of artistic techniques. They will also make a model of the heart out of clay/plasticine and will create a splat painting of the heart including a focus on blood flow.

Geography

This term there will not be a focus on geography.

History

This term there will not be a focus on history.

Music

In music this half term the children will listen to and explore a range of music focusing on the change of emotions and feelings.

Physical Education

The children will take part in one PE session per week led by Activate. They will also participate in one indoor fundamental skills session per week.

PSHE

We will have circle time each week in which each child will get the chance to express their feelings.

The children will take part in class discussion and debates to share their feelings and ideas.

MFL – French

The children will learn common French phrases.

Homework

Possible Ideas for activities for at home.

- *Create an exercise plan for maintaining a healthy heart
- *Research and create a weekly food plan to keep the heart healthy.
- *Find out about the historical traditions of valentine's day.
- *Investigate and log heart shapes around you
 - *Find out about some famous heart surgeons. What do you need to study to become a heart surgeon?
- *Compare human hearts with animal hearts.
- *Write a story using the title 'Blood is thicker than water'.
- *Measure and compare your own and your families heart rates.

Educational visits/visitors.

This half term the children will be visiting Thackray Medical Museum.

Please let us know whether this leaflet has been of any help in informing you of your child's learning throughout the term. We always welcome your comments and ideas