

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this term:

- Ensure they complete all homework sent home in blue homework books.
- Read to your child to model fluent reading.
- Listen to your child read and support them when they come across unfamiliar words.
- Help your child to learn their times tables – 2, 4, 5, 8,10 so far and we will be adding 3s and 6s this term.
- Visit a library and borrow books connected with our topic.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.

Useful websites:

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

Prees CE Primary School and Nursery



Curriculum Information for Parents

Silver Birch Class



Wartime to *WOW* time.

Spring Term 2024

English

Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work about life in 1940s and 1960s Britain. We will begin by exploring a text set in WW2 and work to develop our descriptive fiction writing. The children will continue to work on developing the use of vocabulary for effect, structuring sentences and paragraphs, using dialogue, varying punctuation and using an increasing range of techniques to add detail to their writing. There will also be opportunities for poetry and letter writing linked to this text. As we begin to study the 1960s we will move onto reading 'Chocolate: from Bean to Bar' which will help us to write our own explanation texts linked to the production of chocolate.

In addition to the main English lesson, children will be learning Year 3 curriculum spelling patterns as well as engaging in daily reading sessions.

Mathematics

We will start this term learning to read, write and identify fractions of shapes, moving onto looking at finding fractions of quantities.

We will be introducing the 3 and 6 times tables to add to the 2s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s we have already learnt.

Building on our place value work with 2 and 3-digit numbers, we will be developing confidence with adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers up to 1000.

Linking to our times tables knowledge, we will be deepening our understanding of division and relating it to fractions.

Science

This term we will be thinking about the 'Human Body'. We will be studying the function of the human skeleton in particular, as well as the importance of our teeth. We will learn how teeth can tell us about an animal's eating habits, the benefits of healthy eating as well as the digestive system. Wherever possible, these concepts will be explored using a practical and investigative way of working.

Humanities Our topic this term is a history topic called 'War time to WOW time', which focuses on a study of the changes from the 1940s to the 1960s. This topic gives us the opportunity to study the dramatic changes in art, science, fashion, and music during this fascinating time in British history, as well as the changes to the 'way of life' people living in those times experienced.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

This term, we will be thinking about our 'Dreams and Goals' for this year and aspirations for the future, as well as identifying goals to help us reach our dreams. We will then look at 'Healthy Me', a unit of work looking at ways we can improve our own physical and mental health, in addition to things that are not good for our health.

Music

We are continuing with our folk whistle lessons with Mrs Hawke this term. The children are learning to play a range of notes on their folk whistles which are then used in playing pieces of music as a whole class. Children are starting to recognise written notes and will be working on their own short compositions.

Art and Design

This term, art will focus on creating a piece of artwork inspired by Paul Nash. The children will improve their drawing and painting skills by exploring grades of pencil to draw different shapes and begin to add the third dimension. They will then be introduced to watercolour paints and produce a colour wash for the background of a piece of art in the style of Paul Nash.

Design Technology

This term the focus will be on food technology. The children will explore a range of chocolate products, experiment with flavour and texture combinations before designing and creating their own chocolates.

R.E.

This term the children will be exploring what is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians before moving on to explore what Pentecost means to Christians today.

Computing

To start the term, we will be revisiting online safety to help children understand that not everything on the internet is real and how to keep themselves safe while using the internet. During the term, children will be building on their previous unit all about networks by moving on to understanding how emailing works, including sending and receiving emails.

P.E This term the P.E. lessons will be focusing on hockey, gymnastics and swimming. The children will develop their tackling and defending skills, learn how to create a variety of balances and gymnastic sequences as well as work in a team.