



Hickling Curriculum Newsletter~ Autumn 1

Dear Parents

Hope you had a great summer holiday.

Thank you so much for coming to 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday. Mrs. Nour works in class Monday-Wednesday lunchtime and Ms. Owen-Smith works Wednesday afternoon to Friday. Mr. Whitty is the teaching assistant in our class and works on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

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

English We will continue to learn phonics and reading through Read Write Inc. Children will bring home spellings to learn each week. As part of the Primary Writing Project the children are developing their story telling and writing skills. Every Friday we write for an extended period of time related to our topic.	Maths In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources. The children will develop place value and number awareness skills. Mathematics is a great way to practice the skills learned in class and develop rapid recall of number bonds and times tables.	Science We will be exploring and comparing woodland habitats. The children will name parts of a plant and begin to explore lifecycles and food chains.	Music The children will have an hour of music with Ms. Owen-Smith. This will be singing and percussion based on the requirements of the National Curriculum.
Topic: Into the Woods Our topic this half term will be based upon Roald Dahl- The Minpins & Anthony Browne- Into the Forest and will include lots of Science, DT and English work. We will read these stories as a class and compare and contrast them. We will write about characters and plot and be able to identify the hero/heroine and villain in the stories. We will look at the story from different characters points of view. We will also develop our story telling skills, by writing and rehearsing our own versions of the story. These will be made available on the school website at the end of term.			

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

Reading

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)

www.spag.com

Books and Book Bags

Thank you for reading 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.

We will also be using the school library each week and the children will be choosing a book that interests them and bringing it home to share. These might not be books that the children can read independently, or, especially in the case of non-fiction books, ones that they want to read all of. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they chose them and then letting them return the books when they are ready.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE. on Friday but please send the 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.

The children will also be completing the 'Daily Mile Challenge' each day.

Snacks

A piece of fruit at morning break. Y2 are allowed to take a piece from the school fruit bowl, Y3 should bring in fruit from home.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

Trip/Visit

- 8th September~ Berry Hall Woodlands
- 21-22 September~ Y3 to Kingswood

MacMillan Coffee Morning

29th September 9.45-11 at St Andrews Church following our Harvest Festival~ all welcome

Harvest Festival

29th September 9.15-9.45 at St Andrews Church~ all welcome. Donations of tins, packets and jars of food or toiletries will be collected closer to the assembly and donated to Dereham Food Bank.

Future Dates for the Diary

- 20 October~ School Closed
- 9 November~ Trip to Flag Fen
- 19 December~ Sleeping Beauty at Theatre Royal

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

Kind Regards,

The Year 2/3 Team

Mrs. Nour, Ms Owen-Smith, Mr. Whitty