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Coming up next week...14/3/2022

Maths

Learning in school:

This week at school, we will be focusing on measuring length. We will begin by introducing the words taller/longer and shorter and practically sorting items from shortest to longest.

We will explain that when we measure length, units tell us how long or short something is, and we will see if the children can remember some tools/equipment that help us to measure how long something is.

We will introduce the units cm, m and km and children will look at objects and decide whether they would be measured in cm, m or km.

We will move on to measuring length accurately using rulers.

Later in the week we will be measuring temperature in degrees celcius. Children will read thermometers including those with missing numbers.

At the end of the week, we will have a 'fluency Friday' where children will answer addition and subtraction questions to continue to keep this skill fresh in their minds.

English/ Shared reading

Learning in school:

This week, continuing our Malawi learning, we will be reading the book 'Galimoto'. We undertake a 'deep read' of the book together as a class, focusing on comprehension and inference.

FYI: 'Galimoto means car in Chichewa, the national language of Malawi. It is also the name for a type of push toy made by children. Old wires - or sticks, cornstalks and

pieces of yam - are shaped into cars, trucks, bicycles, trains and helicopters. All of these intricate toys are known as galimoto.

Children will then imagine that they are on holiday in rural Malawi, walking through the African savannah and staying in a traditional mud hut in a village. They will think about the following questions, first creating a plan and then a piece of descriptive writing.

What season is it (wet or dry)?

What is the weather like?

What animals are there?

What else can they see?

Children will use their imagination to think about what they can hear/smell and feel.

In this piece of learning, children will be challenged to use capital letters, full stops, commas in lists, exclamation marks, question marks and apostrophes to write their descriptions, as well as a range of both simple and compound sentences, interesting sentence starters and noun phrases.

At the end of the week, we will also be focusing on handwriting of more Common Exception Words.

Spelling:

In our spelling lessons, children will complete more Common Exception Word spelling activities.

Topic

Learning in school:

Science: This week it's British Science Week! We will be reading lots of science themed stories and having lots of fun with science related early morning tasks during registration. Children will also get involved in a fun activity to design an animal that could survive on Mars. They will first learn about the red planet and then think about what characteristics a Mars dweller would have to have. Finally, they will create their creature using playdough and decorative materials.

Geography: As it's St Patrick's Day on 17th March, children will learn about where Northern Ireland is and share any facts that they already know. We will introduce some more facts about Northern Ireland including information about the landscape, weather and capital city.

PSHE: We are lucky to have the local fire station visiting on Thursday 17th to give us a talk on fire safety.

RE: We will recap previous learning about some of the ways that Christians believe Jesus changed people's lives. This week we are discussing the narrative where Jesus heals a paralysed man - Mark 2. 1-12.

Art: Children will be decorating their African coiled clay pot using traditional African patterns.

Music: We will continue our new module: Zootime, to coincide with our learning about Africa. This week we will listen and appraise I.G.Y. by Donald Fagen. We will also continue learning the song 'Zootime' and use instruments as an accompaniment.

Indoor PE: We will continue with our 'target games' module by selecting an appropriate skill to play a game.

Outdoor PE: We will be continuing the module Sending and Receiving. This week we will be developing our throwing and catching skills.

Homework

As we are getting involved with Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March, we would like children to prepare some funny jokes, poems or rhymes to tell the class on that day. Please remember that on Friday 18th, children should wear something red or come to school dressed as a superhero!

Additional notes and reminders

Please could girls wear shorts under their skirts on a Tuesday for yoga and please could children wear their PE kit to school on their class's PE days.

Please also ensure that no earrings are worn to school at any time.

Lastly please could you check that your child has only one keyring on their bookbag as we are finding it difficult to fit some of the bookbags into each table group's box for storage during the day! Many thanks.

Class email addresses:

Please do not use these email addresses to tell us about changes to pick up, as we do not always have the opportunity to check the class email addresses during the school day.

Leopards: leopards@mead.surrey.sch.uk

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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.