



Thailand Class

Notes for Parents
Autumn 2019

Welcome back! We hope that you have had relaxing summer holidays and are ready to come back to school. Below are some of the themes and units of work that we are covering this coming term.

Overall themes

This term our Topic will be '**Frozen Planet**' and we will be linking our Literacy and Art lessons to that theme alongside other curriculum areas.

Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 8th November 2019.**

Forest Schools

Extra activities will include Forest Schools which will take place on the following dates:

Tuesdays
1.10.19 Thailand
8.10.19 Thailand
15.10.19 Thailand
22.10.19 Thailand

If you are able to help with these sessions please do come and talk to me! (The more adults we have the larger the variety of activities that can be offered.)

Literacy and Phonics

We will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to delve further into our theme, including poetry and instructions. In each unit we will develop our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. Each child will have their reading log which should be written in three times in the week and I will write in at least once a week and this may be based on their reading scheme book or other reading that we have done in class. Guided reading will happen and in these sessions children will be reading texts that teach them inference, deduction, reading strategies, vocabulary exploration and the content of fiction and non-fiction books. It will be based at their level and encourage progress within their reading. The children have daily phonics lessons which work on specific sounds for that week.

Maths

We will continue to work on the key principles of number including the place value, four operations, fractions, data handling skills, shape and space, measures, calculator skills and number problems. We will have a real focus on the application of these skills to solving new problems. We are aware that some of our methods of teaching maths may not be the same as yours, but we will try to include working examples to demonstrate.

PE including swimming

This term, PE will be on a **Friday**. Please ensure your child has the correct, named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. The PE kit should be in school every day and remain until half term. If you have any spare PE kit items, we would be very grateful if you could bring them in for children in India, France and Thailand to use.

Our swimming lessons will be on **Mondays** so please ensure your child has a full swimming kit on these days. If your child has pierced ears, then the earrings must be removed for the day unless your child can remove their own earrings. Please apply sun cream, if required, first thing in the morning. A hat is required for those with hair longer than shoulder length and verruca socks are available at school. If your child needs goggles, please send a letter giving your consent.

Art and Design

In Art the children will be looking at our Frozen Planet through our Topic work.

Religious Education

The children will be studying 'God' as our first RE theme this term and will then be moving onto celebrations and festivals including Christmas. The children will also be part of the KS1 Nativity and this will help develop their skills further. The children will attend daily acts of worship either as a whole school or in the classroom and we will have visitors on a termly basis.

Computing

The children will be working on programming and we will be using the bee bots to introduce programming and then moving on to a programme called 'Scratch'. This will teach the children the basics of programming so they are able to move characters on screen as well as adding sounds.

Music

Our music will look at rhythm with lots of practical work with percussion instruments and we will be learning new songs. In the second half of term singing and performing will be part of the Nativity performance.

Homework

- Reading. We would love for you to read at least 3 times a week with your child and make notes of this in their reading log. In their reading logs you will also find a tick list that we will use to move children forwards with their reading at home and at school. We will explain this further at our meet the teacher evening and will refer to this in comments in their reading journal. We would like you to continue using the staged books from our library but would also encourage reading a book from home for 'pleasure', reading through a recipe, a newspaper or any other forms of reading that you come across. These are all worthy and relevant forms of reading that we'd love you to be doing with your child.
- Maths. This Year we will be focusing on place value of numbers, addition and subtraction and also working on our 2x, 10x and 5x tables.
- Homework if set, will be on a Friday and would need to be completed by the following Friday and handed in. It will support our theme and link closely with the curriculum we are delivering. The expectation is that this should be the same standard as in lessons and the children will be asked to redo their homework if it is not. Homework should take no longer than half an hour; further details will be in their home school notebooks.

Just a reminder: Please remember we are a nut free school so please do not pack nuts in the children's lunch boxes.

We urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how small and insignificant you think they are. We look forward to working with you on the next step in their education. There will be an opportunity for you to 'Meet the Teacher' and afternoon Parents' Meetings will be held during September, October and November to address any issues that have developed. More details will follow later in the term.

Kind Regards,

Miss Blackburn

Week	Theme this week
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and Place Value
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and Place Value
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and Place Value
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition and Subtraction
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition and Subtraction

6	• Addition and Subtraction
7	• Addition and Subtraction
HALF TERM	
8	• Measurement: Money
9	• Measurement: Money
10	• Multiplication and Division
11	• Multiplication and Division
12	• Assessment- PUMA
13	• Assessment week
14	• Shape linked to Christmas activities

Literacy

Week	
1	• Recount of holidays
2	• Poetry
3	• Poetry
4	• Poetry
5	• Poetry
6	• Poetry
7	• Poetry
HALF TERM	
8	• Instructional Texts
9	• Instructional Texts
10	• Instructional Texts
11	• Instructional Texts
12	• Instructional Texts
13	• Instructional Texts
14	• Instructional Texts