



Curriculum Information

Chestnut, Maple & Willow

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Our topics for this half term are:

Our United Kingdom

This includes:

Geography – the United Kingdom (including Northumberland)

Children will learn that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is divided up into four countries and will learn the names of the four capital cities. They will use maps (digital and paper) to locate the United Kingdom and then the countries, counties and capital cities. Children will also make comparisons between the physical and human geography of the different parts of the United Kingdom.

Science – Living things and their Habitats

Children will understand what a 'habitat' is and why certain animals live in the habitats they do. Children will sort animals into groups using a key to identify them. Children will describe what animals need to survive; including their place in a food chain.

Design & Technology – Insect Boxes

Children will research insect boxes will then generate, develop and model their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches and diagrams so that it is fit for purpose. Children will construct their insect box using hand tools before evaluating their finished product.

Other subjects:

Computing. Interactive Information Book (Willow and Chestnut), Design a Computer Game and Controller (Maple)

P.E. Team Games

P.S.H.E. Respecting our environment

Music Glockenspiels Stage 1 (Yr 3), Stage 2 (Yr 4)

M.F.L. (French) Touts directions and la pluie et le beau temps

R.E. Could Jesus heal people?

What is 'good' about Good Friday?

English – Stories with Environmental Issues / Persuasive Texts / Northumberland Folktales

English involves the development of speaking and listening, drama, reading, comprehension and writing skills. Children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during to master their use of the English language.

Mathematics

Children will develop their knowledge, skills and understanding within key areas in Mathematics following the White Rose Hub scheme of work. In this term, children will focus on multiplication and division, measure (*Year 3: money, Year 4: area*) and fractions (*and statistics for Year 3*) Year 3 will also cover length and perimeter with Year 4 covering decimals. The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

Additional Information

Weekly Tasks (Homework):

Every Monday, your child will be set one homework task which has a subject focus, for example, English, Maths, Science or that of another subject. They will have until the following Monday to complete the task. The detail of the homework will be set within the 'Homework and Spellings' section of your child's class page on the school website: [HYPERLINK "http://www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk"](http://www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk)

www.swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk As we move towards a more digital way of working and trying to reduce the number of items being transferred between home and school, the majority of your child's homework will be accessed online through Google Classroom or through School360. Tasks will be based upon what the children have been learning in class in order to consolidate their new knowledge, skills and understanding. If your child has any difficulties accessing their homework online, please contact their class teacher and alternative arrangements can be discussed.

Spellings:

Spellings will also be set and tested each Monday. Your child will need to routinely practise their spellings online each week using a website called Spelling Frame ([HYPERLINK "http://www.spellingframe.co.uk"](http://www.spellingframe.co.uk) www.spellingframe.co.uk). Weekly spellings will also now be listed within the 'homework' section of your child's class page on the school website rather than spelling books being transferred between school and home. Your child will be given their Spelling Frame username and password.

Reading:

Guided reading will take place on a **weekly** or **fortnightly** basis depending on groups and length or type of book being read. To maintain the integrity of your child's bubble, Guided Reading will take place in the classroom under the direction of the class teacher. Guided Reading books will be staying in school and the children will be given sufficient time to complete their set reading challenge.

As we know, reading is such an important life skill so it's important your child sets some time aside in their day to enjoy reading; whether it be by themselves, with an adult, to a pet or even reading to a favourite cuddly toy! To encourage children to read more at home, they have been provided with log on details to a website called Bug Club ([HYPERLINK "http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk"](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) – you may need to disable third party cookies to log on from Apple devices. Here, children can access age-appropriate reading material with a focus on the skills of prediction, comprehension and inference. Class teachers will set reading material and monitor the books that children have read.

Times Table:

Children will be tested throughout the week using Times Tables Rockstars. They have a username and password to log onto the website [HYPERLINK "https://play.ttrockstars.com/"](https://play.ttrockstars.com/) <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> to help them practise at home.

Additional items in school:

Each child has been provided with a stationary pack this year so please ensure that pencil cases and equipment remain at home. Each child will however need to bring a clean, named water bottle to school each day as we can no longer provide cups within the classrooms. If your child would like a fruit snack for playtime, please ensure that this is brought into school in a sealed, named bag.

P.E Kits:

Children in LKS2 will have P.E on a **Thursday** in the school hall this half term with staff from the Newcastle United Foundation. Again, to reduce the number of items coming into school, your child will need to come to school dressed in suitable clothing each Thursday.

Wellies and outdoor shoes:

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies or outdoor shoes available in school which can be worn for playtime as well as outdoor learning activities.

Final thoughts:

From all the LKS2 team, we would just like to say a big 'thank you' for all of your ongoing support and positive comments. If you have any questions or queries, please just get in touch as we are always here to help.

Take care and stay well everyone!

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