



Extreme Earth

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to the curriculum notes for SKYLARKS. Here you will find an overview of work that SKYLARKS will be working on throughout terms 1 & 2.

READING BOOKS

Children are able to choose from a range of books in class. In Skylarks, pupils have a yellow reading record that should be used when reading at home. Please ensure reading records and books are in bags daily as we will be listening to readers regularly in school too. There will be an opportunity to visit the library once a week.

HOMEWORK

Homework in the first term is to read as regularly as you can and practice spellings at home each week.

JUST READ

This year we are trialing the 'Just Read' project across the school. 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie is the challenging book we will be reading together this first term in Skylarks. Every child has their own copy in school, and they will follow along as the teacher reads. Children will complete a short reading assessment at the start and end of the project, with the hope that reading fluency improves.



OTHER INFORMATION

We will be taking part in Forest Schools during Term 1. This is a great opportunity to build good relationships, encourage emotional well being and learn problem solving skills. Harvest will be taking place in the church on the 22nd September and we will be taking part in the Key Stage Two Nativity at Christmas – details nearer the time.

Areas of Exploration

Science

In Term 1 we will explore the properties and changes of materials. In Term 2 we will be finding out more about Earth science and plastic pollution.

English

Our year will start with a whole school text *In Our Hands*. The text will be used in creative ways and we will celebrate our learning in a whole school worship. We will be focusing on writing clear, coherent sentences in term 1 with correct punctuation. A variety of engaging texts will be used and the lessons will be fun and heavily scaffolded to promote good quality writing. We will start by learning and practicing key skills which we will be used in a variety of genres including instruction writing, diary writing, poetry and narrative. As the term goes on, we will promote and encourage good handwriting and writing stamina.



French

We will be exploring French greetings with puppets and having fun playing French playground games.

History

We will be studying The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will ask the question: Did the Romans make Britain better?

Geography

This Autumn we will be finding out about natural phenomenon such as volcanoes, tsunamis and tornadoes. We will ask the questions: What makes the Earth angry?

Computing

Over the next two terms we will be finding out more about computer systems and networks and then we will be creating our own stop-motion animation films.

DT

For DT in Term 1 we will be making our own pop-up books and in term 2 we will be looking at food and nutrition.

Religious Education

We will be asking the question: What do Christians learn from the creation story? In term 2 we will be finding out all about Diwali and Hinduism.

P.E

In term 1 we will be playing basketball and taking part in Forest Schools. In term 2 we will be playing tag rugby and exploring dance.

Music

Our themes in music this Autumn will be The Romans and Compositions to animation.

Maths

The year will start with place value. Year 3 will be working with numbers up to 1,000 and Year 4 will be working with numbers up to 10,000. Units that follow include: addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We will be using more formal methods of working and building on skills learnt in Year 2 and 3.

Art

An Exploration of coal mining will be our first unit and in Term 2 we will be working with shape and colour.

PSHE

We will be exploring family and relationships in term 1 and health and wellbeing in Term 2.