

Great Linford Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 2009
Years 3 and 4
Theme for the term: Weather

Set out below is a broad outline of your child's curriculum for this term. It is important to note that, in addition to the work described below, time will be spent upon other aspects of the curriculum, especially the development of the basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

Literacy

During the Literacy hour the children will cover work on:

- Reading and discussing a variety of texts.
- Using some drama strategies to explore stories or issues.
- Identifying features that writers use to provoke readers reactions.
- Finding different ways to plan stories.
- Identifying how different texts are organised.
- Improving their independent writing.
- Using spelling strategies.
- Identifying verbs and developing an understanding of their functions.
- Developing a joined style of writing.

Numeracy

During the Numeracy Hour the children will cover work on:

- Counting, partitioning and calculating.
- Looking at number facts.
- Handling data and working with measures.
- Calculating, measuring and understanding shape.
- Looking at the relationships between numbers.

Science

The children will develop an understanding of:

Growing Plants

This will include learning that:

- Plants need healthy roots, leaves and stems to grow well.
- Plants need water in order to survive.
- Plants need light to grow.

Light and Shadows

This will include learning that:

- Shadows are formed when objects block the light from the sun.
- Shadows change in length and position during the day.
- The sun appears to move across the sky during the day.

Geography

The children will be finding out about different climate zones and how they affect the weather. They will look at how the weather in a country can affect tourism and the lives of the people who live there.

Art

The children will be exploring sculptures in public buildings and spaces, looking at shape, form, colour and pattern. They will make a sculpture.

ICT

The children will be developing their word processing skills and will look at changing font, size and colour. They will use the spell checker and learn to delete, replace and insert text. They will also be exploring how to create their own melodies and sound effects on the computer.

Design Technology

The children will be investigating simple pneumatic systems in order to design and make a model of a monster that has moving parts.

R.E

The children will continue to study the teachings of Guru Nanak and the beliefs of the Sikh religion.

P.E and Games

- Athletics - a variety of running, jumping and throwing activities.
- Cricket - striking and fielding skills and practises.
- Swimming - This will be at Middleton Pool. Mrs Ramewal's will be class swimming this term

Music

During the year the children will have the opportunity to work with a teacher from the Wider Opportunities scheme in music. They will be learning to play the keyboard and will be playing simple well known tunes. They will also develop rhythmic and singing skills.

P.S.H.E and Citizenship

The children will be discussing:

- How we manage difficult situations.
- How we recognise what our rights and responsibilities are, both at school and in society.

French

The children will be looking at French culture and increasing their vocabulary by covering such topics as the weather, clothes, schools and festivals.

At home you might like to:

- Visit the library and find some books about weather in other countries.

Learning Logs: The work will be set on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday.