



Midhurst C of E
Primary School
LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

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Dear Parents/Guardians

A belated Happy New Year to you all. Christmas now seems a very distant memory but I hope you and your families all had a lovely Christmas break. The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and have already been working very hard. They have such a great attitude towards their learning and really are a pleasure to teach.

Below is an outline of our areas of study for this term:

Science: Our topic is plants. Children will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. They will find out about seed dispersal. Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.

Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

Geography: In geography children will learn about where the world's main hot and cold regions are and what they are like. They will use globes and atlases and annotate maps to identify the world's hot and cold regions. They will make use of the four main compass points when describing the location of these key locations and regions.

History: In history we will be learning about The Titanic. We will be going on a trip to The SeaCity Museum to support our learning.

Design technology: In DT the children will be learning about levers and sliders. They will design and make moving pictures using sliders and levers.

Art: Children will learn about the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We will make pictures using natural resources and we will make collages. We will also be going on a trip to the South Downs to see one of the chalk balls Andy Goldsworthy built there.

Religious Education: We will focus on Islam for the first half-term and the key question How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful? For the second half-term we will be looking at the question Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Computing: Children will recap their learning about online safety and learn about digital footprints. They will also learn about coding and will use algorithms to design simple programs.

Music: Children will be learning to play the recorder this term.

Physical education: Our PE days remain as Mondays and Tuesdays. On Mondays the children will be doing Outdoor and Adventurous Activities with me, where children will be using maps and keys to orientate themselves with increasing confidence and accuracy. They will begin to complete activities in a set period of time. All the activities will focus on effective teamwork and communication. On Tuesdays the children are doing Sending and receiving with Jack from Aspire.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be linked to our topic work when appropriate. The children will have regular phonics and guided reading lessons, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school.

Should you have any questions you can catch me most mornings and any afternoon, except Tuesday. Alternatively, please leave a message for me at the office and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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