Warden Hill Infant Academy

Year 2 Autumn 2

English

This half term our learning will be inspired by two fabulous texts.

Poems to Perform is a collection of poems specifically collected for 6-7 year old children to enjoy performing at school. We will share a variety of different poems as a class before becoming poets and composing our own poems. We can't wait to share our work with you at our very own Warden Hill Infants Poetry Recital.

In the second half of the term we will learn about *Skater Cielo* by Rachel Katstaller. A heartwarming story of a young girl who loves skateboarding until one day…she falls. We will be writing letters to Cielo to encourage her to get back on her board and build her resilience. We know that mistakes are how we learn.

PHSE

This half term our PSHE Jigsaw piece is called 'Celebrating Differences'. We will learn about stereotypes and the false assumptions that can be made through stereotyping. We will discuss what bullying is, what it looks like and what to do should you ever see or experience bullying. We will think about diversity, both the meaning of the word and what it looks like in practise. We will learn how important it is to celebrate diversity in all its forms and how important it is to learn from those who are different to ourselves. Finally, we will come to understand how important and wonderful it is to be unique.

PE

In gymnastics this half term we will focus on key balances, particularly static and dynamic balances and how to transition from one balance to another.

Teamwork, perseverance and personal development will be at the heart of our PE learning.

Computing

This term we will continue our e-Safety learning, We will continue discussing the importance of recognising what information is safe to share online and what to do if we come across anything online that we are unsure of or that makes us uncomfortable. *Speak to a trusted adult.*

We will continue learning how to navigate computers how to log in successfully and access different elements of PurpleMash. We will also look behind the scenes at the internet and the technology that brings the online world to life.

Maths

This half term, we will be building our understanding of addition and subtraction and the different strategies and resources that we can use to help us solve a range of calculations.

A significant part of our learning will be learning to add and subtract across 10, learning to exchange 10 ones for one ten, or one ten for 10 ones.

In the later part of the term we will explore geometry. We will examinine 2D and 3D shapes, learning to compare and sort them by their features (sides, vertices, edges and faces).

History

This half term we will focus our learning in an attempt to answer the enquiry question 'Why are Luton Town FC known as 'The Hatters'?'
It is an opportunity to explore **local history** and celebrate what makes Luton unique.
We will learn what plait schools were, who was involved in the hat industry and why the industry was significant to Luton.
Each lesson will focus on one of our key history **skills** as we learn how to be good historians. At the end of term, we will enjoy a special 'History Day' themed around our learning. We will all come to school dressed as Luton plaiters and hat makers and spend a day celebrating our learning and our towns history.



Music

In music, this term, we will be looking at our voices and how we can produce different soundscapes using our voices. We will be thinking about familiar places and the sounds we hear in those places including the countryside and town and cityscapes. We will also be learning Christmas song and performing to local nurseries.

Science

In science, this term, we will be testing different materials, namely cardboard, plastic, metal, wood, fabric and glass. We will be looking at the properties of these materials, purposes and suitability. We will be looking at which material would be most suitable for different applications. We will also be looking at how to conduct a fair test and consider the variables involved in the experiment and how to ensure it is a fair test.



Handwriting

We use Read Write Inc letter formation to guide our handwriting.

It is important that the children learn to start each letter in the correct place (t the top) and ensure the **ascenders** and **descenders** are clear and proportionate.

We will follow the Year 2 PenPals scheme to introduce some simple horizontal and diagonal joins.

RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about how to care for ourselves and others. We will explore how the different religions selfcare and explore various religious verses and rituals promoting wellbeing. We will reflect on the concept of prayer and its connection to inner peace. We will understand basic religious teachings on personal hygiene and engage in creative activities for deeper learning and expression.

DT

We have a very exciting food tech project this term as we will be baking the biscuits that will be served at the Grandparents Tea!

We will taste test and examining the packaging to help us develop the design criteria for our own products before practising the skills and developing our own recipes.

As part of our learning we will consider allergies and intolerances and how to make our products safe for all consumers.