



Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Hornbeams

Spring 2025



Our Themes:

Our World and In the Garden

Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation, Independence,

Respect and Happiness

Welcome back to our second term. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We shall be continuing to plan through topics based on the children's interests as they arise to ensure that their learning is inspiring and relevant. The children have become very good at taking charge of their own learning and we shall continue to encourage this. Here we shall give you an overview of some of the topics we plan to cover this term, and as new ones arise this will be reflected in the weekly sheet in your child's homework book.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Throughout the term we shall be looking at "our world" and topics including growing as part of an "In the garden theme. We will also be incorporating some visitors and local visits. We shall be encouraging children to play co-operatively and encouraging them to think of their own group games and activities that involve sharing and turn taking. The children are aware of our School's key values and we shall be looking at these in much more detail this term, identifying and praising when we see examples of these being followed. The children will gain the knowledge to be able to talk to other people about our school values.

Physical development

This term we will be covering movement, co-ordination and self-awareness. We will be developing our skills on the equipment including the climbing frame and soft play gymnastics equipment. We will be learning about the effects of exercise on our body, noticing when we get warmer and breathe heavier. The children will continue to develop their understanding of knowing about the importance of keeping fit and healthy with exercise and they will also know what we can eat to have a balanced diet. We shall also be developing our fine motor skills including pencil grip to ensure that we are able to control the pencil well and form clearer well sized and orientated letters.

Communication and Language

We shall be having a variety of role play areas this term linking to our themes. We are starting the term off with a Post office. The children will know what roles they can take on in the post office, practice terms relating to money and develop the vocabulary to go with the scenario. They will take on different roles and use talk to act out scenarios. We will think about questions that they would ask or be asked and sensible answers. We will be working on developing a dialogue or conversation with each other to build up a story. The skills that the children will develop will be the ability to listen to longer stories and remember lots of what happens and also the ability to be able to have conversations with an adult and their peers.

Literacy

We will be working on our writing targets through each topic and as we achieve this, we will be able to work on the next target up. We will be remembering that after we have written one word, we leave a finger space before we write the next one. We shall be continuing with our daily phonics lesson. We have learnt all of our single graphemes and will soon begin learning phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs. Some children will begin learning strategies for reading and writing longer words by breaking them up.

We will be looking at the genre of non-fiction books and understanding that these are for finding out information. When discussing fiction and non-fiction books we will be encouraging children to use vocabulary such as 'title' 'front cover' 'contents page.'

Mathematics

We shall be recapping on previously learnt numbers 1,2 and 3 and the skill of being able to recognise written numbers and match to quantities. We will also be introducing the children to the number 0. We will also compare the numbers 0-5.

We will also be learning all about different sizes and weight and the skills involved with comparing these.

Understanding of the world

The children have shown a real interest in 'space'. We will learn all about the different planets in the solar system, the history of astronauts who have walked on the moon and compare the different planets to planet Earth. We will be using the book "Here we are" as a stimulus to start our topic.

Within our topic of "In the garden" we shall be learning about different plants and flowers. Children will have the knowledge to be able to label parts of a plant and also be able to talk about what a plant needs in order to be healthy. We will even practice the skill of completing some of our own gardening and growing.

The children will also learn about the seasons and the different weathers that we will see.

Expressive arts and design.

We shall be continuing to encourage children to develop their own creative ideas by always having a wide range of media and materials available for them to access as they choose.

We will also be encouraging children to select different resources and combining them, for example if doing a painting they could also find some material or paper to stick on or choose boxes or containers to create a 3D model.

During the 'Space' theme we shall be thinking of many different ways of creating rockets for example, hand printing, collaging, painting, cutting and sticking.

We will also be looking at different artists this term including Deborah Roberts and Yayoi Kasuma. We will learn different skills to create art similar to their own such photography and painting.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on a **Friday** and returned on a **Thursday**,

Please remember to send this in with your child and continue to add a comment in your child's homework book to let me know how they got on with it. If there are any issues with the homework, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Please continue to read with your child at least 4 times a week. It has been lovely to see how much commitment to achieve has been shown with reading. Also, if you have any "Wow moments" of your child please remember to send these in.

Our PE days this term are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Your child should come in PE uniform on these days

Please can we remind you to send in a bag containing a change of clothes/underwear for your child to keep on their peg at all times in case of an accident that requires changing.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask

Mrs Watson