Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Year 3 and Year 4 – Autumn 1

Dear families,
Welcome to the start of a new school year. We hope you had an enjoyable break over the summer. Below, you will find an overview of our curriculum for this half term and the areas of learning we will be focusing on in each subject. If you have any questions or queries, please do come and speak to us. We're always available on the playground at the end of the day.
We look forward to working with your child, meeting you and having an exciting start to the term
Mrs Henderson & Mrs Pearce

English

In English we will be exploring and responding to a short film narrative: Treasure.



We will be working on developing a range of reading and comprehension skills and composing and writing short descriptive narratives.

Maths

Our maths work this half term will focus primarily on place value. This will involve reading and representing numbers in different forms, partitioning, comparing, ordering and rounding numbers.

Science

Our science unit of work is 'Living Things.' The children will be learning to group and classify animals.
They will identify animals as vertebrates and invertebrates and use simple classification keys.

History

Our history focus is Ancient Egypt. We will be using sources of evidence to find out about the past as well as learning about the life, culture, legacies and some of the significant individuals of this civilisation.

Computing

Our first unit of work in computing is 'The Internet.'
The children will learn how the internet is linked through a series of networks.
They will learn about using websites and sharing information safely.

Art

In art, we will be focusing on drawing. We will be learning and practising a range of shading techniques in order to create our own piece of multimedia abstract art. We will also be using pattern and design from the ancient Egyptians as inspiration for creating our own composition.

Religious Education

In RE, the children will be looking at Christianity and how Christians show that reconciliation with God and others is important.

Physical Education

The focus for PE this term will be the invasion game Basketball where children will develop their understanding of attacking and defending and Yoga where yoga poses and techniques will be taught to improve mindfulness, body awareness, flexibility and balance.

PSHE

Children will discuss and look at how to navigate relationships with friends and how to respond to problems.
They will explore how families are all different and look at effective communication to support all relationships.

Music	French	Online Safety
In our music lessons we will be creating compositions in response to an animation on the theme of 'Mountains.'	In French, the focus will be learning key vocabulary and phrases in order to use conversational language.	Children will be exploring self image and identity online and offline.

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
4rd October: Harvest festival at the church – 10:00. 8th October: Parent consultations 24th October: **Year 6 only –** crucial crew school trip. 25th October: PD day – school closed for children. WC 28th October – Half term.	Please ensure your child is reading their age appropriate reading book at least 4 times a week, and that they bring their Reading Record to school daily as they may read with an adult. They will also be collected in every Monday. Your child will have weekly spellings to practise which will be stuck into their Reading Record on a Friday. They will also be asked to complete 15 minutes of TT Rockstars a week. Login details will also be stuck into Reading Records. Each half term, your child will also bring home a 'Takeaway Homework Menu.' This focuses on encouraging your child to select from different tasks across the curriculum, so that a breadth of learning can be explored and enjoyed. Some of the tasks can be completed independently whilst others are designed to be a shared process. The information on the Takeaway Menu will make the expectations clear.