

Whatever the Weather

This term's topic will have a science and geography focus. We will be looking at Weather and seasonal change, the human body and how we adapt to living in different climates.

**North Cerney
Wren Class
Term 1**

English

The children will be developing specific skills in their writing and using these to create pieces both to write to inform and write to entertain.

Writing to entertain

Through listening to, reading and performing poetry, the children will learn to recognise and join in with predictable phrases. They will learn to recite some poems from memory. Sharing poems and pointing out rhyming phrases in books while reading with your children at home will support this work.

Writing to inform

The children will develop skills in writing factual information in the form of weather forecasts and news reports about extreme weather. The features will include bullet-point lists, headings, sub-headings and a glossary. Sharing non-fiction books with your child at home related to our topic or listening to the news or weather forecast will support their learning.

Music

The children will be having their main music lesson each Friday with Mrs Chisholm. This term, they will be listened carefully and beginning to recognise the fundamental style indicators of South African music. The pieces they will be examining include The Lion Sleeps Tonight, and You Can Call Me Al.

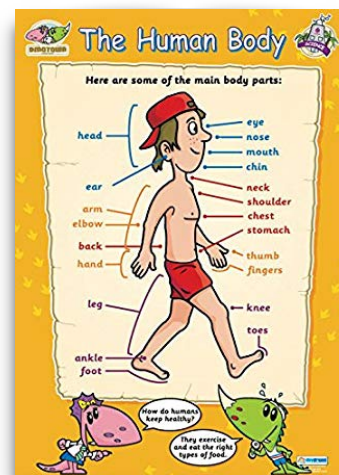


Science - The Human Body and seasonal change

We will be observing and describing the weather associated with the seasons.

We'll discuss how day length varies and make tables and charts containing weather facts.

We will identify, name, draw and label basic parts of the body. We'll look at our five senses. with experiments. We will explore how we change our clothes and behaviour with each season.



Maths

The children will work on developing their fluency and rapid recall of Maths facts. Daily quizzes will be used to make this fun and engaging. We will start the term by working on knowledge of place value up to 100. We will also work on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s before moving on to fractions and looking at geometry through position and direction.

You can help at home by regular practice through the Maths Passport and the Mathletics web site.

Homework

The best way to support your child's learning is to hear them read each night and discuss the book and any new vocabulary. In addition to this, the children will have weekly spellings. To support their Maths fluency, we will send home their Maths passports for you to work on critical skills which will then be tested in school at the end of each month. Mathletics homework will also be set, and success celebrated with certificates in school. I hope you will find this knowledge organiser useful to aid conversations around the topic at home.



Vocabulary

Seasons
Autumn
Spring
Summer
Winter

Cloudy
Rain
Wind
Snow
Sunshine

Climate
Temperature
Touch
Smell
Taste

Sight
Hearing
Map
Globe
Atlas

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History

We'll explore the life of William Morris, a British textile designer whose work was inspired by nature.



Geography

Children need to be able to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.



Art

Linked to our history topic we will be printing in a variety of ways



Design and Technology

The children will be designing, making and evaluating a variety of leaf and lino prints.



Computing

We will use our computers to create weather maps, organise our weather meter readings and video ourselves presenting a Weather forecast.



Religious Education

We are learning the key facts about the five major world religions. We will also explore the four stories in The Bible that relate to our school values; courage, curiosity, respect and perseverance.