



Acer Class Curriculum Letter: Spring Term 1



English: This term we will be reading the story of 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo as part of our Fantasy unit. We will continue to focus on using capital letters, full stops, conjunctions and adjectives and will introduce alliteration and similes to make our writing more interesting. We will use these skills to write our own fantasy story about a polar bear.

Spelling: Each week we will have a set of focus words, that link to our phonics teaching. These will be learnt in class and reviewed in dictation lessons. This is a continuation of the ELS Phonics scheme so the children will be familiar with the learning activities.

Guided Reading: We will explore a text (in depth) each week through a range of whole-class comprehension activities. Each day we will focus on learning how to answer different questions which we call VIPERS – vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and sequence.

We will be rewarding frequent reading with the chance to take one of our special suitcases home for the weekend - to enjoy a book along with a hot chocolate.



PSHCE

Our unit is 'Me and My Relationships and learning all about what people mean to them.

DT

We will be building stable structures and completing our unit by making a stable pencil pot.

Music

'I wanna play in a band' is our song for the spring term. We will be ensuring we have a sound knowledge of pulse, tempo and pitch and learning how to play untuned percussion instruments.

Maths

We will then move onto multiplication and division this term and begin introducing the idea of the 'x' symbol. We will also be learning about statistics, properties of shape and how to read and use fractions.

Science

Our topic this term will be 'Living Things and Their Habitats' so the children will be understanding what we mean by living as well as learning about habitats and knowing what a food chain is.

RE

This term, we will be studying what it is to live in the UK as a Christian. During Spring term 2 we will explore why Easter is important to Christians.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday will be forest school and Wednesday will be regular PE where we will be focussing on net and wall games. In Spring 2 we will focus on target games and ball skills.

Geography

This term we will be learning all about the Arctic. We will explore where the Arctic is and what countries make up the Arctic circle. We will be learning about the humans and animals that live in these areas and how their lives might be much different to our own.

Computing

We will be thinking about how to stay safe online this term as well as learning about the International Space station.

Art

This term we are studying the artist Barbara Hepworth and focussing on sculptures. We will be creating our sculptures out of clay.