Cotwall End Primary School



Curriculum Newsletter Year 1 Autumn 2018

Mrs French

Mrs Hickman

Mrs Turner

Mrs Wilkes

Mrs Diakov

This is a summary of the learning programme for your child this term;		
	English	Children will develop basic reading and writing skills, including handwriting which will be topic based. We will endeavour to hear your child read their home reader on a weekly basis, although they may be heard read on a different day each week.
	Maths	Children will focus on place value, addition, subtraction and shape. In all lessons, children will be encouraged to explore concepts using a range of practical equipment and pictorial representations to build on their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.
Good Topic Work	Topic	This term our topic is 'Fire and Ice'. We will explore the differences between countries with opposing climates; The Poles and Australia. We will develop our geographical knowledge and skills using maps, as well as researching the landscapes, people and animals of these regions.
	Science	Our science topic this term is 'Animals Including Humans' . Our scientific learning will be linked to our topic work, and we will investigate how animals are categorised into their class, for example mammals, reptiles and amphibians etc.
†	Religious Education	The children will investigate belonging and identify what belonging means to them. We will also study the festival of Diwali and listen to the story of Rama and Sita. In addition to this, we will learn about Christmas and investigate why Christians give gifts.
	Music	Music this term will be taught by Mrs Barnfather, our music specialist. The term's focus is 'Exploring Sounds and Exploring Duration'. The children are encouraged to make a variety of sounds with their voices, bodies, found objects and instruments.
X	PSHE	We will be exploring Health and Well-being including classroom behaviour and rules as well as relationships with others. We will also be learning about germs and how to keep ourselves clean.
	Computing	We will be practising logging on and off the computers using usernames and passwords. We will also develop our use of the keyboard and mouse control which will help us to become more independent.
	PE	PE will be taught by Mr Whitehouse, our school sports specialist. We will focus on ball skills, such as throwing and catching. Lessons will usually take place on Mondays and Tuesdays, we would therefore kindly ask that your child has their kit and earrings are taken out.
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Additional Information: Reading is very important. Please aim to hear your child read at least three times a week and talk to them about what they have read.