

Autumn Term 1 2016 Key Stage 1

What would Dora the Explorer find exciting about our town?

During this first half term, we will be finding out about our local area. We will use maps to look at the landscape of our town and to find our town's famous landmarks. We will create our own maps and use aerial photographs to find out more about Grantham. We will learn about Sir Isaac Newton as our local hero and find out about his life, work and why he is an important historical figure.

After the October half term we will begin a new topic and we will send more details then.

Numeracy

During our topic, we will continue to learn basic maths skills in addition to linked activities such as playing in role as a greengrocer, locating buildings and features by coordinates and giving directions between different places.

Science

We will find out about how humans grow and change over time. We will be looking closely at what babies need to survive and we are excited to welcome a visitor into our classroom to talk about how their baby learns and changes. We will also be planning and carrying out our own investigations.

Literacy

We are looking forward to observing how our environment is changing and creating poems all about autumn. We will then be looking at stories, empathising with the characters feelings and creating some stories of own.

ICT

We will be investigating how to create a simple set of instructions to program ICT equipment, including the use of Beebots. We will also be talking about the importance of e-safety.

Art

The children will be improving their observational drawing, painting and collage skills. They will look at the work of Monet to produce similar style cityscapes and landscapes of what we can see in our local area.

R.E

We will be thinking about 'The Good Earth' and about what we have to be thankful for. We will be learning about different celebrations of the Christian faith, including Harvest, Advent and the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

Music & PE

We will be exploring sounds, how they are made, and learn songs for our performances. As part of PE programme, the children will continue to develop their fielding and striking skills for use in Games.

PHSE & Citizenship

The children will be learning how we can serve one another especially within their classroom and the school. We will be thinking about change and looking at New Beginnings.



Pupils' Home Learning Project

We are looking forward to finding out more about our town and how maps are used to help us explore new places. Could you help Dora find her way around Grantham by creating a map of the street you live on? You may present your home learning however you wish. Please bring in your completed home learning project by Monday 10th October.

You can help your child by:

Please listen to your child read at home for at least 15 minutes everyday. Remember your child has online access to Phonics Bug & Bug Club where we have allocated a range of books to read at home. There are related comprehension activities to help your child with their understanding too. To login, use the first four letters of your child's first name, followed by the first four letters of your child's surname. The default password for all accounts is 'changeme' and our school code is 67aa. Please let us know if you have any problems with access.

Please also help and encourage your child to practise any spellings, maths Learn It's and complete any additional activities we send home to help your child practise new learning.