



Star Class Curriculum Letter Spring 2024

Welcome back after our Christmas break, we hope you all had a lovely time!

Our topics for this term are 'Dark and light' and 'Safari and wild animals'. Also, this half term we will be doing some activities to mark the celebration of Chinese New Year. **The following is a run-down of how we will be exploring these topics within the six areas of learning.**

Understanding English, Communication and Language

Communication group: focusing upon taking turns and interacting with others, listening to others, cooperating and interacting with peers, making requests and describing objects.

Listening and responding to a variety of stories with a focus on Day and Night and Safari and wild animals.

Singing and joining in with actions for a variety of topic related songs.

Individual English I.E.P targets.

Introduce and explore new vocabulary linked to our topic.

Fine Motor Skills sessions.

Group and Individual Phonics sessions where appropriate.

Sharing books with adults - individual reading where appropriate including reading comprehension and inference

Mathematical Understanding

Individual Maths I.E.P targets.

Time, including days of the week, months and seasons of the year, sequencing events and the use of an analogue clock.

Scientific and Technological understanding

The difference between night and day. Knowing that dark is the absence of light and that light is essential for seeing things and that light enters our eye. Natural and man-made sources of light and how they vary in brightness, including observing and making comparisons about sources of light. Knowing how light travels through, or does not travel through, different materials and how shadows are created. Knowing the difference between transparent, translucent and opaque

Understanding the Arts

Creating a range of artwork and DT based on our topics. In-depth study of Starry Night by Van Gogh and using different materials to create different effects.

Impressionist and modern paintings of safari and wild animals and creating their own.

Understanding Physical Development, Health and Well-being



Team skills and games - focusing on ball skills and working in pairs and small groups.



Apparatus - focusing on listening skills, following instructions and agility. SAQ sessions: children will all have SAQ (Speed, Agility and Quickness) to develop fundamental movement skills.

R.E

Chinese New Year and cross-curricular activities related to this including some food tasting.

As always, we will continue to keep you updated via Home Communication diaries on a daily basis and let you know via there if children require any additional drinks/snacks etc.

As the weather is predicted to be cold this first half term it may be a good idea to send your child into school with gloves and a hat as we will still be having playtime outside as long as this is safe to do so.

Our Forest School sessions this first half term will be every two weeks starting on Thursday 18th January. Please make sure that your child comes into school with suitable clothing to participate in these sessions.

Parents evening will be on the last week before half term. Times and dates to follow nearer the time.

Please remember should you have any general enquiries the office staff are available on 01455 822362 or email office@newboldverdon.leics.sch.uk

We all look forward to this busy and exciting term and thank you for your continued support.

The Star Team

