



Quarry Mount Primary School
Half Termly Parent/Carer Information Sheet.



Theme: Be a Detective!

Year Group: 1
Date: Autumn 1

Teacher: Miss Horigan
TAs: Mrs Tweed

English

Year 1 will be reading 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne and poems written in the style of a list.

The children will have daily phonics lessons, and we will be moving onto Floppy Phonics Level 4- this consolidates and extends their learning by providing more opportunities for blending sounds together to strengthen their reading abilities. We will also focus on learning the common exception words.

We will use our reading text to inspire our writing and write descriptive sentences and list poems. The children will learn basic grammar features such as using capital letters and full stop and use these to form sentences.

Mathematics

The children will be exploring the mathematical topics of:

- Sorting objects.
- Learning numbers 0 - 20.
- Addition and subtraction with numbers to 20

This will include us reading and writing numbers, ordering and comparing numbers and lots of counting.

The children will use lots of physical equipment to explore numbers such as Numicon, counters, dice and counters.

Geography/History

In Geography, we will be following directions such as forwards, backwards, left and right. We will look at a simple map to move round school and start to explore map symbols.

As part of our History lessons, the children will look at the life of Mary Seacole, who was a nurse during the Crimean War. She was a British nurse of Jamaican heritage and an important figure in Black History.

Art

In Art, we will be learning the basic skills in drawing. The children will use dots and lines to create texture and pattern. They will use a variety of media.

We will learn about the influential artist, Alma Woodsey-Thomas, from Georgia, USA, who is famous for using bold colours and patterns in her abstract work. She fought the prejudices against being a black female artist in 1950's America.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about 'Animals including humans'.

We will:

- Learn the parts of our body
- Explore our senses and the parts of our body associated with our senses

Throughout the year we will observe the seasonal changes that take place; the weather and how it affects the length of the day and trees. This half term we will focus on autumn.

PE

This half term, the children will be focussing on skills in football and handball.

PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes in school PE kit on these days - plain white/navy t-shirt, black leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers/pumps.

Computing

In Computing, the children will learn how to log on safely to Purple Mash, create their own Avatar and how to access their 2Do's.

We will also learn how to work creatively online. We will use paint tools to draw a picture and learn how to create a jigsaw using a digital device.

<u>Religious Education</u> In our RE lessons, we will look at why we celebrate special events. We will focus on the Christian festival of Harvest, the Jewish festival of Sukkot and Islamic observance of Ramadan and Eid, before planning and taking part in our own thank you celebration.	<u>PSHE</u> In P.S.H.E, the children will be looking at relationships and identity. They will think about the importance of friendships and how we behave towards each other. They will learn what qualities make a good friend.	<u>Music</u> In our Music lessons, we will have a specialist music teacher to teach us singing, rhythm and explore musical instruments.
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Please help your child at home by:

- * Read home reading books with your child, sign the reading record and return it to school. Reading books will be changed every Friday. Please read home readers, every day if possible, to improve fluency.
- * Spelling tests will be every Friday.
- * Ensure your child brings their PE kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Special Dates this half term:

- Friday 25th September 2pm - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Assembly
- Friday 2nd October - Harvest Celebration Assemblies (times TBC)
- Wednesday 7th October 3.30 - 5.30pm - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 14th October 3.30 - 4.30 - Parents' Evening
- Friday 16th October - Individual school photos
- Wednesday 21st October - 'We love reading' event for parents to come into classes (time TBC)
- Thursday 22nd October - Last day of Autumn 1 half term
- Friday 23rd October - School is closed to the children

Are the medical and contact records we have for your child up to date?
If not, please inform us via the school office. Thank you.