



Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents,

Our main Cross Curricular topic for the next half term will be '**Plants, People and Places**'. We will be looking at how the Seasons effect plants and the different parts of plants and their jobs. Our historical theme (and the 'People' part of the topic) will be based on local history and in particular, William Morris of Morris Motors. To bring our topic 'alive' we will be taking part in a Museum workshop about the life and work of William Morris (Tuesday 9th May). In addition to this, on Wednesday 24th May we will be visiting The Oxford Bus Museum to explore their display on William Morris. The 'Places' part of the topic will be explored after the half term break when we will be looking at The Seaside. Below is an outline of the Curriculum areas and what we will be learning about.

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| English | Traditional Tales (focusing on The Three Little Pigs) Writing linked to The King's Coronation Instructions (focusing on instructions related to plants, eg. Planting seeds) Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling activities RWI – daily sessions Handwriting exercises |
| Maths | Measurement: Mass, capacity & temperature Telling the time Using money Fractions Year 2: Revisiting past learning Year 1: Place value to 100 |
| Science | Plants: Seasonal changes and plants Identifying plants Plant parts & making diagrams Seeds & bulbs Investigating leaves |
| Computing | Programming Animations |
| History/ Geography | Local History – William Morris/ Morris Motors The Seaside – After half term break |
| Art/ D.T. | How wheels work – designing, making and evaluating a wheeled vehicle |
| R.E. | Judaism – Why is Shabbat important to Jewish Children? |

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| P.E. | Outside games and sports (Thursday) Dance/ Movement (Wednesdays) |
| Music | Music with a topic focus (to start after half term break) |
| P.S.H.E. | Relationships: Keeping Safe; Friends & Family; Secrets; Trust and Appreciation |

Our School value for this term is Respect and we will be exploring this theme as a whole school as well as in our class assembly times.

Year 2 children will be taking their SATs during May and this will aid the end of Key Stage 1 assessments later in the academic year. More information will follow, please let us know if you have any queries. We aim to keep these assessments 'low key' and they will be in the two week period leading up to the half term break

This term for Cherwell's maths homework, we would like to trial a new maths resource called 'My Maths'. The homework would be completed online and would support and consolidate what we have been learning in class. We will let you know when it is up and running. Please see following information on this resource, or you can visit:

<https://support.mymaths.co.uk/parent-support/parents-getting-started/what-is-mymaths-parent-support/>.

What is MyMaths?

MyMaths is a whole-school subscription service for teaching and learning maths. It is written by experienced maths teachers to meet the demands of the UK curricula.

MyMaths includes:

- hundreds of homework activities
- a lesson to match each homework
- revision 'booster packs' which record of all your child's scores so you can track their progress
- lots of fun maths games

Helping your child with their MyMaths homework

The way maths is taught, and the vocabulary used, has changed over the years.

MyMaths lessons can help you to support your child by explaining concepts from topics such as partitioning, base 10, exchanging and bar modelling, to complex equations, Pythagoras, and statistics.

If your child is struggling with their homework, or would like to recap the topic before they have a go, encourage them to revisit the matching **Lesson** topics they have gone through in school. Every MyMaths homework task has a matching Lesson.

Finally, we will be collecting 'junk' for making our wheeled vehicles and would appreciate your support in collecting suitable resources. Please could you send in resources such as transparent plastic bottles and boxes (cereal box size or smaller) on Friday 28th April.

If you would like any further details on the term or have any questions please let us know.

Thank you for your support.

Julie Ilsley and Helen McConaghy