Year 1
AUTUMN 2

Cottingley Village Primary School

English

The Curious Quests

This half term, we will be taking part in **The Curious Quests**, an exciting approach to English created by **Greg Bottrill**.

Through magical stories, poetry, role play and imaginative adventures, the children will be encouraged to explore, create and develop a love of writing.

Alongside their writing, they will take part in creative challenges, discussions and hands-on activities that spark their curiosity and imagination.

As they invent characters, solve problems and go on exciting quests, they will build their vocabulary, develop their phonics skills and grow in confidence as writers.

At the heart of The Curious Quests is the belief that writing should be joyful and meaningful, helping children to see themselves as storytellers, creators and confident communicators.

Maths

As Mathematicians, the children will:

- Explore and understand how to use a part-whole model to add and subtract.
- Use these models to write equations
- Understand that addition is commutative, e.g., 3 + 2 = 5 2 + 3 = 5 5 = 3 +2 5 = 2 + 3
- Develop our quick recall of number bonds to 10.
- Use part- whole models to find a missing part from the subtraction equation
- Use our addition and subtraction skills to write fact families.

3 + 5 = 8	8 = 3 + 5
5 + 3 = 8	8 = 5 + 3
8 − 5 = 3	3 = 8 − 5
8 − 3 = 5	5 = 8 − 3

- Use concrete manipulatives (cubes and counters) to work practically to solve addition and subtraction problems.

Science

<u>Materials and their properties</u>

The children will:

- Explore materials - wood, plastic, glass and metal and rock
- Match Objects and their materials
- Explore Melting and freezing
- Ask does it float or sink?
- Ask does it absorb water?
- Investigate which materials are transparent

Phonics

This half term we will focus on the following:

Week 1
Teach the Phase 5 sounds - /ur/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn
Read and write the Tricky Words - their people oh your

Week 2
Teach the Phase 5 sounds - /oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he
Read and write the Tricky Words - Mr Mrs Ms

Week 3
Teach the Phase 5 sounds - /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute
Read and write the Tricky Words - could would should our

Week 4
Teach the Phase 5 sounds - /ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /or/ aw claw
Read and write the Tricky Words - house mouse water want

Week 5
We will look at all the different ways of writing the same sounds (Grow the Code!) - /igh/ ie i i-e /ai/ ay a a-e /oa/ oa o o-e /ee/ e ie e-e ea /oo/ /yoo/ ew u-e u ue

Weeks 6/7 – The last week(s) of the half term is spent assessing the children's progress which then informs how we plan for the next half term.

More information can be found on the little Wandle letters and sounds website

For parents | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

The Wider Curriculum

Geography – The children will explore the local area and use maps, aerial photographs and fieldwork to identify landmarks such as the school, houses, shops and other local features. They will be introduced to the concept of human and physical features and name some in Cottingley. They will also develop their mapping skills by creating simple maps, using symbols and keys, and following directions using compass points and positional language.



Art – Children will explore the exciting world of spirals through drawing, pattern and colour, experimenting with a range of materials and mark-making techniques. They will study the work of Wassily Kandinsky, using his artwork as inspiration for their own creative responses and colourful spiral designs. Children will also create observational drawings of natural objects containing spiral shapes before celebrating their learning in a class Spiral Art Gallery.

Computing – The children will explore digital painting, learning how to use a range of tools to create pictures on a computer. They will experiment with lines, shapes, colours and brushes, taking inspiration from famous artists to create their own digital artwork. They will also compare creating art on a computer with traditional painting and discuss which method they prefer.

R.E – The children will answer the question: 'Why are festivals important in a community?' by continuing to look at different celebrations, such as Diwali, Ramadhan, Eid and Christmas.

P.E - In Target Games, we will develop our foot control skills to accurately aim for a target, develop our proficiency in different throwing styles when throwing across a distance and use a variety of equipment whilst still maintaining accuracy

Music – Singing. Learning songs and performing for the Christmas production.

PSHE - SCARF

Including Online Safety

The children will explore how we value our similarities and our differences. We will delve further into looking at our behaviours towards each other and the difference between equality and equity. Online safety – we will look at online relationships and behaviours that may lead to harm and how positive online interaction can empower and amplify voice.

Reminders

The children have PE on Mondays and Commando Joe's on Thursday but they can come to school in active wear every day.

Dates for your diary

School reopens Monday 2nd November
Parents evening: Tues 10th & Wed 11th November
New Parent open evening: 18th Nov 6pm
Walk around Cottingley: 1P = 18th Nov 1H = 19th Nov
Christmas dinner and jumper day: Fri 12th Dec
Christmas performance: Mon 14th Dec
Christmas Party Day : Fri 18th December
School closes for Christmas: Fri 18th December