The Hive

Cottingley Village Primary School

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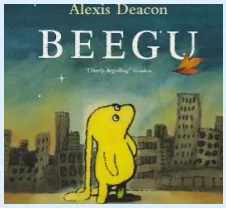
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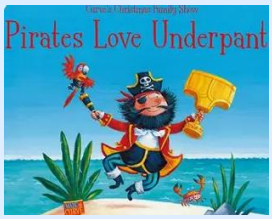
All children in the Hive are about to embark on an exciting new writing adventure. We will be using Drawing Club to enhance and develop our writing skills. This approach encourages children to use their imaginations, deepen their understanding of texts, and explore new and ambitious vocabulary.

Throughout the term, children will be learning to use a range of writing techniques, including expanded noun phrases, ambitious vocabulary, direct speech, subordinate clauses, and fronted adverbials. These skills will help them become more confident and creative writers.

The children are already very excited about this new journey in writing, and we look forward to seeing their imagination and confidence flourish.

Key text this half term





Maths

As mathematicians, the children will be consolidating their understanding of place value and developing their problem-solving and reasoning skills through a range of engaging activities and challenges.

They will use concrete manipulatives to deepen their understanding of addition and subtraction, helping them to build confidence and fluency with mathematical concepts.

We will also be using Magma maths to further enhance learning and provide opportunities for children to practise and apply their skills in an interactive way. In addition, children should continue to practise their times tables regularly, as quick recall of multiplication facts supports many areas of mathematics.

The children are eager to develop their mathematical skills, and we look forward to supporting them on their learning journey.

Science

As scientists, the children will be developing their understanding of habitats and exploring how different living things are suited to the environments in which they live. They will investigate a variety of habitats, identify the plants and animals that live there, and learn about how living things depend on one another to survive.

To enrich their learning, children will be linking their Science work with Design and Technology (DT) by designing and creating their own bug hotels.

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Geography - Children will be exploring the question, "Why do rainforests matter to the world?" They will learn about the importance of rainforests, the plants and animals that live there, and the vital role these environments play in supporting life on Earth. Children will also begin to understand how human actions can affect rainforest habitats and why it is important to protect them.

Design and Technology (DT) - Children will be designing and making their own bug hotels. This exciting project will take place both in the classroom and within our forest area, allowing children to develop their design and construction skills in a real-life context. This project will also provide an opportunity to consolidate and apply learning from our Science topic on habitats.

Computing - Children will be developing their understanding of digital media and learning how to use iPads to support digital writing. They will explore different ways technology can be used creatively and effectively while continuing to build their confidence and digital skills.

Religious Education (RE) - Across the year groups in the Hive, children will be exploring the question, "Why are festivals important to a community?" Through a series of discussions and activities, they will learn about a range of festivals and celebrations from different faiths and cultures, helping them to develop respect, understanding, and appreciation of the diverse communities around them.

Cooking - Sessions will be closely linked to our learning about celebrations around the world. Children will explore a variety of foods associated with different cultural and religious celebrations and will have opportunities to prepare and taste a range of dishes while developing important cooking skills.

Physical Education (PE) - Children will be taking part in dodgeball, which is always a firm favourite in the Hive. Through teamwork, cooperation, and friendly competition, children will develop their throwing, catching, dodging, and communication skills while enjoying being active and having fun.

PSHE - SCARF

Including Online Safety

Children will be learning about the importance of valuing and celebrating differences in themselves and others. Through age-appropriate discussions and activities, they will explore themes such as respect, kindness, inclusion, and understanding different perspectives.

Reminders

The children have PE on Wednesday. Please send them in school PE kits on these days.

Friday is forest school day.

Dates for your diary

Back to School – Tuesday 2nd September