

## Expressive Arts & Design

### Art

We are learning all about sculptures and will be exploring with clay and different kinds of dough. We will be learning all about texture and how this can change. We will learn different techniques when using clay and dough, such as coiling and making impressions. We will also be learning about weaving as part of our Easter crafts.

### DT

We are learning all about mechanisms. We will be learning how to make pictures with moving parts using split pins. We will continue to develop our 'junk' modelling skills and understand what resources work best when attaching certain materials together.

## Physical Development (PE)

Our 'Move with Max' PE sessions are all about Jack and the Incredibly Mean Beanstalk.

**Our focus skills this half term will be:**

- Negotiating space and obstacles safely with the consideration of themselves and others.
  - Running
  - Climbing
  - Balancing
  - Co-ordination

Special times in the year naturally lend themselves to learning opportunities in Early Years. At the start of the term we will be enjoying Pancake Day! We will explore our favourite toppings and will enhance our play dough area and writing area linked to this.

World Book Day is a wonderful celebration of reading. We will simply enjoy lots of books, storytelling and re-enacting some of our most favourite traditional tales. During Science Week we will enjoy some practical, experimental fun using everyday ingredients and have a yoga session linked to how creatures have to adapt for their life under the sea! Mother's Day will encourage us to think about our grown ups at home and what makes them special to us.

## Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

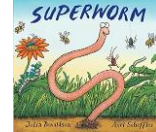
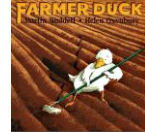
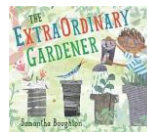
<https://ictgames.com/>

## Understanding the World

Naturally, we will continue to observe changes around us and what we can see. We will be looking out for signs of Spring and learning more about what happens during this season. Our Daffodils are in full bloom now and the children remember planting these as bulbs! We will be planting our own green beans and learning all about what a seed needs to be able to grow. We will learn all about the life cycle of a plant and look at different flowers and trees.



## Pentland Primary School Curriculum Overview Class 1 Spring 2



## Literacy

Reception children will continue to consolidate and embed their phonics learning through our Read Write Inc programme. Your child has been grouped according to how they're progressing, making sure that their daily phonics session is targeted for their personalised learning and next steps. Children have the opportunity to review sounds, learn new sounds and blend to read and spell words each day, with some of our children now reading simple captions and sentences. Please remember that learning to read is not a race. Lots of praise, repetition and opportunities little and often will all help to support your child in early reading.

We will share lots of stories this half term too, focusing on vocabulary, retelling stories and using these to inspire our own writing. Endless opportunities in our learning provision to mark-make, form letters, label pictures and write simple captions will promote confidence in writing too!

## Fine Motor Skills

Physical development is a prime area of learning for us in Early Years and hugely contributes to early writing skills. Fine motor refers to small, fiddly finger work, which in turn helps your child to hold a pencil comfortably, forming letters and writing. We will be introducing a selection of activities for children to enjoy as they come into school before the register. At home, you could enjoy some fiddly finger work too! Picking up small coins, buttons, picking up with pegs and threading all help. I will add some ideas onto our Class Dojo page for you to try!

## RE

We will be learning all about the special time of Easter and understanding why this is such a special time for Christians. We will be listening to bible stories about Jesus and learning about Palm Sunday and Holy week. We will make links of Lent with the Islamic commitments to fasting during Ramadan. We have a little outing planned to St Aiden's church an Easter Service on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This is during the school day.

## Mathematics

As always, we continue to revisit mathematical facts daily for our children to become confident in number. This half term, we will continue to focus on bonds to 10. Your child is working towards being confident in recalling which numbers always go together to make 10. We are becoming quick-fire with 1 more and 1 less and will continue with this too. We will be learning double facts to 10 and perfecting our number formation... it's always 3, 9 and 7 which are tricky to master.

We will be adding and taking away using numbers within 10 and becoming confident in recording these are number sentences. We will be learning how to use a number line to jump forwards and backwards to find the answer. We will also be learning how to estimate.

Embedding maths learning practically is a great way to help children understand mathematical concepts in the everyday. When going to the shops, your child could count out coins, can they make 5p with coins? Can they make 10p? Can they count as they go up the stairs? How many star jumps can they do in a minute? Making maths links in your everyday will help consolidate their learning from school too.

**Reminders:** Please remember to provide your child with a water bottle each day so that they can stay hydrated. As always, should you have queries, worries or questions, please do not hesitate to catch me on the door. If I can't answer there and then, or you need a longer appointment, we can arrange that together. Thank you all for your continued support.