

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER TERM 2 2020/21 Chiradzulu Class

08/01/21



Dear Parents/Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here's to a happy and healthy 2021. Welcome back to Term 2. We trust you all had a wonderful break and are ready for another fun filled term of great learning. The same protocols for reducing the transmission of covid continue to apply this term. Thanks for your understanding and support. We would like to take this opportunity to give you some information about this coming term.



OUR TOPIC

This term our topic title is From Field to Table - ' Roots, Shoots and Fruits and "Toy Story'. We will be exploring this topic through the following aspects of learning:

We will be using a variety of books linked to our topic including: Jack and the Beanstalk, Oliver's Garden and Oliver's Fruit Salad by Vivien French.

In Literacy – The children will complete a variety of reading and writing tasks focusing on traditional tales , including rhyme and the elements of what makes a good story. We will learn the importance of a story mountain, with a beginning, middle and end. We will continue to encourage great sentence construction and the use of WOW words (adjectives). Correct punctuation will be highlighted and we will learn about settings and main characters. We will begin using conjunctions to join two sentences together.

In Mathematics – We will continue to develop number skills and quick recall of number facts. We will review and build on mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction. We will focus on place value, adding / subtracting 10 from any given number. We will introduce practical activities for simple fractions such as halves and quarters. We will count in 2's, 5's and 10's. For measuring we will investigate weight, length and capacity as well as learning to tell half past and o'clock in time.

In Science – We will be learning all about plants and trees, what parts make them up, what elements are needed for them to grow, carrying out simple scientific experiments to investigate the best growing conditions. We will also discover the journey of our food, from field to table, using the correct scientific language associated with this topic.

In Geography : We will be focusing on learning the correct geographical vocabulary and carrying out simple fieldwork. We will make basic models of various landforms and a geographical glossary.

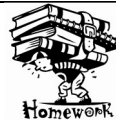
In History – we will continue 'peeping into the past' by learning about the Old Toy Room where we will discover toys from long ago and the games children used to play. We will be comparing toys from long ago with those we use today.

In RE – We will continue learning about the 6 major world religions. This term we will be focusing on Judaism.

In Music –. We will use our voices expressively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. We will play basic instruments to develop rhythm and tempo.

In PE – We will continue swimming weekly every Tuesday and Wednesday and in PE, we will continue working on our gross motor skills and apply our ball skills learnt last term.

In Art and DT – We will be 'taking it outside', using materials found outside to create art. We will explore weaving, printing, 3D modelling and wax resist. We will be exploring works from a few famous artists like Van Gogh to fit in with our topic work.



HOMEWORK

A weekly homework will be sent home **every Thursday** to be completed by Monday. This will include either: an investigative activity linked with our topic or an activity with a maths or literacy focus. Spelling Spiders and Teddies will continue to be sent home for practice. These will be reviewed and tested on Fridays as well as their weekly spelling words. Kindly return library books every **Friday**, so your child can choose a new one.

It would be highly beneficial if you take the time to read with your children every day for at least 10 minutes as this will not only improve their reading but also their writing skills.

Please make sure that your child has his/her **swimming kit in school on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have PE first thing on Mondays, so kindly send your child ALREADY dressed in their PE kit but please be sure to pack their uniforms as they will get changed again once we are done.**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that **school starts every day promptly at 7:30am**. It is crucial to your children's education to be at school on time as all our core subjects (Literacy and Mathematics) begin at that time. We have 2 short breaks and a longer lunch break. Please ensure that your child has enough snacks and water for these times. We encourage healthy snacks and appreciate your support in limiting sugar. Kindly clearly LABEL every item that belongs to your child. It's important to remember that we finish at **11.45 a.m.** on Fridays.

Chiradzulu Weekly Timetable Term 2 2020/21

Week	7.30 - 8	8. - 9.00	9.30 - 10.15	10.15 - 10.45	11.45 - 13.00	13.00 - 13.15	13.15 - 14.00		
Monday	Register and input	PE	B	Maths	Literacy Spelling	L	Topic & PSHE	B	Activity time
Tuesday	Register and input	Literacy	R	Maths	U	Topic & RE	R	Swimming	
Wednesday	Register and input	Maths	E	Literacy	N	11.45 - 12.30 Swimming	E	Activity time	
Thursday	Register and input	Literacy Creative writing	A	Maths	C	Art and Music	A	Activity time	
Friday	Register and input	Literacy Free write and Maths review	K	9.30 - 10.15 Chichewa Golden time	H		K		