



# Fair Field Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term at Fair Field.

Please have a look at the wide range of topics we will be learning about this term. Below is a summary of this term's curriculum and forthcoming activities.

## English

In English this term, we will be exploring Roald Dahl's *The Twits* to create a variety of text types and imbed our knowledge of expanded noun phrases, figurative language and introduce persuasive writing. Children will immerse themselves within the text being studied and this will form the basis for all of their English tasks. We will also focus on comprehension skills during Guided Reading sessions, and grammar, spelling and handwriting both within English and outside. After half term, we will be using *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* for our English work.



## Maths

In Maths, we are focussing on angles, shape, perimeter, multiplication, division, statistics and fractions. In amongst these topics, we will be ensuring that where possible we give children opportunities to use previously learnt mathematical concepts to help solve a range of problems. All pupils will have the opportunity to reason an answer and use it to solve problems. There will be a strong emphasis on times tables. Children are encouraged to use the programme *Times Tables Rockstars* at home to develop their understanding and recall. They should be focusing on learning their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables proficiently.

## History and Geography

During this half term, we will be focusing on History. Our History is topic the Tudors. The children will be learning how to use primary and secondary sources to inform them of this period. We will focus on the monarchs of this era and explore their daily life and how the monarchs ruled Britain. In the second half of the term, we will focus on Geography with the topic being Ordnance Survey mapping.

## Science

In the first half-term in Science, we will be studying Forces and Magnets. Children will develop their understanding of different types of force, friction, compass points and magnetic poles through completing investigations and experiments, making predictions, taking measurements and drawing conclusions from their results. In the second half-term, we will be holding our very own Science Week! More will be revealed closer to the time...



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## Computing

In Computing this term, we will focus on coding using the programme Scratch. After half-term, we will take our learning further through exploring and understanding branching databases. Hopefully your child is becoming confident in logging into the school online learning tools, including Times Table Rockstars, Google Classroom, and Accelerated Reader.



## RE

Our RE studies this term will focus on learning about hope and prayer, including what prayer is like for different faiths. We will also explore birth celebrations in across religions.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be following the whole school focus of Dreams and Goals, for this half term. We will then focus on the topic of Healthy Me in the second half term. Throughout all our PSHE studies we will be concentrating on our communication skills and how to show consideration towards our peers. We will also be celebrating Children's Health Week with many activities for them to enjoy.

## Art and Design and Technology

In art, the children will be exploring the world of 'contemporary African recycled art' and studying the artists who transform waste into stunning pieces of art. The children will then have the opportunity to design and create their own pieces of art using recycled waste products. After half term, we will move on to D&T, where we shall be exploring, designing and making our own pizzas and pizza boxes.

## Music

In Music this half term, we will be looking at the Baroque, Renaissance, Romantic and Classical periods, with a focus on composers and instruments of these times.

## Spanish

In the second half of term, our Spanish lessons will focus on the pronunciation of animals, number and colour. Children will be able to manipulate their learning to create sentences describing what animal they own or would like to own and being able to describe them, giving opinions.



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## PE

Games will be on Thursdays for the whole year group, where the children will be learning symmetry and asymmetry in gymnastics. PE is on Fridays with our dance expert, Miss Berg. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on these days. After half term, we will focus on Basketball during Games lessons and will continue with Dance during PE.



## Homework

Homework will be set on Thursdays and will be due the following Tuesday. Spelling words will be sent home on Fridays and children will be tested on these words the following Friday. Phonics group spellings will be sent home on Mondays and they will be tested the following Monday. All logins and passwords are in your child's reading record. Children are encouraged to spend at least 10 minutes a day on Times Table Rockstars in order to practise their timetables along with completing a book quiz on Renaissance/Accelerated Reader weekly.



We ask that children read for 10 minutes every day with an adult, including talking about the book that they have read. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day and that you sign their reading record 4 times a week. On Mondays and Fridays, the children's reading records will be checked in school to ensure they are reading regularly and changing their books. We encourage your child to communicate openly with us regarding their reading and when they need to change their book.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Haque and Mrs Hinton