



Shelton Infant School

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Topic work

In our topic work this half term we are going to be very busy! The children will be learning about different materials and their properties and how to keep themselves safe when they are online. They will be comparing two contrasting locations and creating their own small world maps. The children will be learning about special places, including places of worship. They will be exploring sound and moving in different ways. They will also be tasting different vegetables to make our own soup!

feelings emotions rhythm tempo pitch

chopping taste texture taste travel balance

levels speed control internet online safety

materials wood paper metal glass plastic house

human and physical features map city

special place Church Mosque

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Week beg 20th Jan - Switch Off Week

Tuesday 21st January - Classes 2 & 5 Bedtime Reading @ 5-6pm

Wednesday 22nd Jan - Switch off Day & Lantern Parade. Wear something bright!

29th January - Individual photos being taken during the morning.

Thursday 30th - Classes 1, 4 & 7 Bedtime Reading @ 5-6pm

11th February - Safer Internet Day

11th February - Classes 1, 2, 3 & 5 parent's invited to observe phonics @ 9am

11th February - Valentine's Disco

14th February - '100 Day' Celebrating our 100th Day at school this year. Last day of term.

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Literacy in Classes 1 and 2:

The children will be continuing to learn phonics sounds from the Little Wandle scheme and this half term we will be learning the long vowel sounds as well as lots more tricky words. Phonics will be the focus of our reading sessions three times a week too.

They will also be focusing on their letter formation and handwriting and thinking about using finger spaces between our words.

Using our Story Chest books for inspiration we will be writing captions and simple sentences using cvc words including the sounds that we are learning daily.



Maths in Classes 1 and 2:

The children will be learning more about numbers and will be recognising numbers and amounts to 7 including representations of numbers including dot patterns. They will spend time looking at how numbers are made up of subgroups of other amounts and how numbers get '1 more' each time we count. They will compare sets and use the language of comparison; 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to' to describe quantities. They will also be creating practical class pictograms and tally charts for classroom choices.

You can help your child by...

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything, trying to use new vocabulary.
- Sharing books together talking about the pictures, characters and words as well as their school reading book.
- Counting objects around the home and spotting patterns around them.
- Looking at and naming shapes and talk about their properties.
- Practising putting on their own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make them more independent. Also getting changed/dressed independently so we are ready for PE!
- Encouraging your child to spot letters and sounds around them to help them begin to show an interest in print around them.

Story Chest Books

