



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

22nd September 2023

Our Curriculum at Cotherstone

As subject leaders we have been busy developing our curriculum offer for our children here at Cotherstone as part of our two-year planning cycle. These have been designed to meet the needs of the pupils we have here within our school to not only offer them an exciting, ambitious curriculum that is sequential and builds on previous knowledge and skills, but equips our children with local history knowledge for example.

We have a rolling curriculum due to mixed-age classes so have Cycle A and Cycle B (the current cycle).

As such, we are very excited to publish for the new academic year **Cotherstone's 'Subject Overviews'**. Within these you can find the rationale behind how we teach each aspect of the curriculum, as well as Long Term Plans for what your child will be learning each term and an overview of the knowledge and skills they will develop throughout their journey at Cotherstone for each subject. These can be found within the 'Curriculum Content' section and they look like this:



Contents:

Rationale
Early Years Foundation Stage
Long Term Planning
Outdoor Learning
Calculation Policy
Vocabulary Progression
Progression Documentation

Mathematics Cotherstone Primary School

In addition to these individual subject overviews our Long Term Curriculum Maps for Class 1, 2 and 3 can be found at the top of the page. This an overview of the current cycle with details about what your child will be learning within each lesson for each term. You will have received a 'Class Newsletter' last week outlining what the children will be learning this term. These are also on the website for you to refer to.



YEAR 1 and 2 CURRICULUM MAP Cycle B 2023

		Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reading	Word reading	Phonics programme Little Wandle		
	Comprehension	Little Wandle Reading Practice Sessions (3 per week) Lesson 1: Decoding Lesson 2: Prosody Lesson 3: Comprehension Whole Class Reading (2 per week)	Little Wandle Reading Practice Sessions (3 per week) Lesson 1: Decoding Lesson 2: Prosody Lesson 3: Comprehension Whole Class Reading (2 per week)	Little Wandle Reading Practice Sessions (3 per week) Lesson 1: Decoding Lesson 2: Prosody Lesson 3: Comprehension Whole Class Reading (2 per week)
	Transcription	Phonics / Spelling programme (NC Appendix 1)		
Writing	Composition	(NC p 24)		
	VGP	NC Appendix 2		
	Speaking and Listening Maths	12 Statutory statements (NC p 17)		
Science	Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Shape	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Length and Height Mass, Volume, Capacity and temperature Money Multiplication and Division	Multiplication and Division Fractions Position and Direction Money Time Statistics
	Science	Seasonal changes - across the four seasons/weather		
	History	Uses of Everyday Materials Why do we use different materials for different things? <i>Scientist- Charles Macintosh (Waterproof material)</i>	Living Things and Their Habitats How do we know something is alive? Plants How can we identify different plants and trees?	Animals Including Humans How can we group animals? <i>Scientist: Chris Packham (Animal Conservationist)</i>
History	History	Working scientifically - on going across the year		
	History	Changes within living memory Toys and technology What changes have there been to toys and technology in living memory?	Significant Event Beyond Living Memory Significant Individuals Local Area Kings Queens and Castles Where did Kings and Queens live through time?	Significant Individuals – Local/National/International Where have humans explored? Local- Famous explorers from the North East: James Cook and Gertrude Bell

Reading books and Records

A polite reminder that these need to be in school every day please. It has been wonderful to see all the reading going on at home in the Reading Records already! Every single time your child reads at home they receive a raffle ticket to be entered into the Reading Raffle which takes place at the end of every half term - the more raffle tickets the more chance of winning a new book!

Mini Medics or Mental Health Training

DurhamLearn are offering free mini medics and/ or mental health training. The sessions are 2 hours long and offer basic CPR training and mental health awareness sessions. Please drop the school office an email if you are interested. We need a group of 5 - 10 adults to be eligible.

Class 1 and 'Little Learners' Request

We are looking at developing and enhancing our indoor and outdoor areas further.

If you have any of the following items that are in excellent condition, we would be forever grateful

- Plants already in pots to make our preschool entrance more inviting
- Carpet tiles/mats
- Bubble wrap
- Wind-up toys
- Binoculars
- Bug viewers
- Kaleidoscopes
- Curtain rings
- Buttons
- Washers
- Large paintbrushes
- Squeezy bottles
- CD player
- Small wooden table and 2 chairs
- Wooden play food
- Wooden cutlery
- Cereal boxes
- Old phones
- Old lamp shade
- Balancing scales
- Typewriter (would be amazing for the children to use!)
- Lego boards
- Photo frames (purely the frames, without the glass/plastic)
- Wooden dolly pegs
- Large pegs
- Selection of plastic jugs
- Door mat

Forest School -Preschool and Class 1

Please can we ask that waterproofs and wellingtons remain in school for Forest School this term. This also enables the children to go outdoors no matter what the weather is like on other days apart from Forest School day. The children have sufficient room to leave their wellingtons on a rack underneath their coat peg and waterproofs on their peg. Thank you for your support



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Annie for her positive and fantastic attitude to school and always giving 100% to everything.

Anna for her cheerfulness and great attitude to her learning.

Presentation award: Brandon

Class 2: Star of The Week: Joe for always putting 100% into everything you do!

Presentation award: Benji

Class 3: Star of the Week: Emmy for her fantastic diary entry. Presentation: Claudette



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Edie: For making a great start to lunchtimes at Cotherstone

Evie: For waiting patiently for her pudding

Rupert: For being a great help when tidying up the playground

Penny: For being so caring towards our new starters

Homework

Class 1: Reception: Practise writing their new graphemes and play 'I spy' activity.

Year 1: Spellings. Number formation & number task

Class 2: Spellings. Reading - please listen to your child read at least 3 times per week and write this in their Reading Record.

Maths: consolidation of our Place Value work this week. Literacy - Regular and irregular verbs

Class 3: Maths: Rounding work. Science: Voltage questions. Spellings



Dates for your diary

28th September - Class 3 trip to Eden Camp

29th September - Flu vaccinations

4th October - Harvest Festival at St Cuthberts Church at 2pm

27th October - School closes for half term break

6th November - School re-opens

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Gibson and the Cotherstone Team