A Focus on the Basics

At Pakenham Springs Primary School we have a clear focus on the development of students' literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy skills.

We see these as the foundations for continued learning and as such need students to become proficient with these skills as they progress through their education. At Pakenham Springs we feel the curriculum needs to build the basics, but also extend students' knowledge and understandings in the key areas of English and Mathematics.

In this leaflet we outline the important skills and knowledge that your child will be learning this term.

Working together:

We hope that you can assist your child at home by practicing the skills that they will be learning at school. By working together over the coming term, we aim to ensure your child has mastered these important skills, which will be built on in coming terms and coming years.

Reading:

During this term students will be learning to:

- make literal and inferential meanings of a text.
- use a text in a real life reading situation.
- critically analyse a text in order to understand how it works.

Writing:

During this term students will be learning to:

- write a persuasive text that presents a point of view and persuades a reader.
- write a narrative that includes characters, a setting, a complication and a solution.
Mathematics:
Number:
During this term students will be learning to:
- tell time to the nearest minute on a digital and analogue clock.
- identify odd and even numbers.
- order four digit numbers and locate and plot numbers on a number line.

Statistics & Probability:
During this term students will be learning to:
- use a calendar to find and locate dates. They will determine the number of days in each month and learn to read a calendar.

Measurement & Geometry:
During this term students will be learning to:
- interpret and compare data displays.

Inquiry Learning:
During this term students will be learning to:
- share what we know about heat.
- sort and classify energy sources.
- identify how heat transfers from one object to another.
- explore and identify materials that conduct heat.
- identify the dangers of heat.

Home Tasks in Year Three
- Numeracy tasks will be set for students around their current learning in class.
- Daily reading which needs to be recorded in their home task book.
- Writing tasks will be based on students' weekly spelling words. This will support students applying their spelling skills.

Year 3 home tasks will be handed out on Wednesdays and expected back to school on Monday morning.

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