



GREAT HORWOOD CE COMBINED SCHOOL
 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER
 YEAR 1/2 (Conkers)

Summer 2010

<p>ENGLISH This term we will be reading a variety of books by the same author, thinking carefully about how characters are described and how we can use adjectives in our writing. We are improving our writing of Non-Chronological Reports, ensuring our punctuation is correct in all of our writing. We will continue to learn how to read and spell high frequency words and learn different spelling sounds. As part of our creative work we will be reading stories about fantasy worlds and would appreciate borrowing any books about space or aliens.</p>	<p>MATHEMATICS This term we will be furthering our learning by developing our skills in calculation using different methods. We will be applying our mathematical skills to solve problems in a variety of contexts; finding the important information in a question, deciding which calculation to do, carrying out the calculation and checking their answers. Mental mathematics remains an important aspect of our daily learning.</p>
<p>RE / PSHCE We will be reflecting on 'What makes our World Special' and how the world was created. In PSHCE we will be developing and improving our Communication skills. Children will be involved in decision- making activities and activities where they will learn to take turns to speak and listen to and negotiate with others.</p>	<p>PE This term we will be continuing our Gymnastics skills on the apparatus and learning to play some Games in which the children will be encouraged to use their skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. When the weather improves in the second half we will play some Tennis and develop our Athletics skills.</p>
<p>CREATIVE CURRICULUM Our theme for learning this half term is "Space". We will learn the names of the planets, the order they appear in relation to the Sun and some key facts about the planets. We will learn about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon. The outcome of our theme will be a mobile of the planets using a variety of design technology skills. In Science, we will be looking at Forces and Movement, how children can change the speed and direction of moving objects by exerting pushes and pulls. In ICT the children will be enhancing their research skills. Our theme in the second half of the term will be "Nature". Children will be developing their Art skills by focussing on the Art by Vincent Van Gogh, Variation and Classification of plants and growing some plants.</p>	
<p>OTHER INFORMATION: Please can I remind parents that children can change their reading books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and that although we do remind them it is the children's responsibility. Homework for the first half term will be given out on a Wednesday to be handed in on a Monday and is an opportunity for your children to show you what they have been learning in class. In addition to set homework, we would love you to hear your child read regularly, practise their times tables and do practical maths such as weighing, buying items at a shop or playing shops, pairing up socks, capacity in the bath.</p>	

