



Earth class

Information

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Who are the teachers and teaching assistants?	<i>Teachers: Amy-Grace (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday); Gill (Wednesday)</i> <i>Teaching Assistants: Mel, Aceia, Stacey, Isaac and Michelle.</i>
Who are the pupils/students?	<i>Beniamin, Ethan, Izzy, Luka, Sienna and William.</i>
What are they learning?	<p><i>This term's topic is 'People'. We will be learning about differences between individuals in both the present day and throughout history.</i></p> <p><i>In PE this term, we are going to focus on football in the first half-term and basketball in the second half-term, developing our dribbling, throwing and catching skills through agility, balance and co-ordination activities.</i></p> <p><i>In English, we will continue learning phonics and to read using 'Read Write Inc'. We will also be reading a picture book each week, which supports our class school value focus on inclusivity.</i></p> <p><i>The focuses for Maths this term are number, measurement of length and shapes; in our class, we are developing our one-to-one correspondence to improve our counting accuracy and learning properties of 2D shapes. Additionally, we will practise ordering various lengths.</i></p> <p><i>History will link to our topic, as we will explore significant people in The Great Fire of London. This will involve comparing differences between the fire service then and now.</i></p> <p><i>We are planning RE activities for the week beginning 9 October based on the Christian festival, Harvest. In the week beginning 27 November, we are planning RE activities based on the Sikh Guru Nanak. The week beginning 6 November is our next MFL/Culture Week focused on Poland.</i></p> <p><i>You can find out more about our curriculum on our website at https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/springwood/learning/vita-curriculum/curriculum-plans/</i></p>

What could I do at home to help with their learning?	<p><i>You could:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce your child's understanding of people who are important in his/her life. • Introduce him/her to appropriate new people. • Identify some ways that people are different, for example their physical features, age, religious beliefs, languages or the places they live. • Watch television programmes, read books or use the Internet to find out about different jobs people do. • Learn the name or sign for important parts of the body. • Practise skills to look after your body such as washing, bathing and cleaning teeth. • Order photographs of people at different stages of development (baby, child, adolescent and adult). • Practise counting to ten and try counting backward! • Practise adding and subtracting numbers up to five. • Spot and name 2d/3d shapes.
Are there any good resources or websites we could use at home?	<p>Top Marks has a range of useful resources for children. You can filter by subject, category and age range. You can find it at: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/</p> <p>ictgames provides a variety of free games to extend learning in maths and English. You can find it at: https://ictgames.com/</p> <p>Polypad allows users to explore maths manipulatives used in school, online. This tool allows children to explore mathematical concepts through visual representations. You can find it at: https://mathigon.org/polypad</p>
What books or stories should we read at home?	<p><i>Please let us know if you would like to use books from the Read Write Inc programme to practise reading at home; otherwise you could look at any books with strong characters or illustrations of people.</i></p>
When is PE?	<p><i>Monday mornings, although we do not currently get changed for these sessions.</i></p>
When do you go out on trips?	<p><i>We go out every Friday morning. Your child will need a waterproof jacket in case of rain.</i></p>
Does this class go swimming?	<p><i>There are no swimming lessons for Springwood pupils/students in the autumn term.</i></p>
Are there other days when my son/daughter	<p><i>No but it is always helpful to have a change of clothes, underwear and socks in their bags.</i></p>

needs to bring in anything else?	
What snacks can I send for my son/daughter?	<i>We have snack time each morning and we provide fruit. If your son/daughter would prefer a different snack, please send it for him/her. Please remember that we encourage healthy snacks and we are a nut-free school so do not send nuts or any products containing nuts.</i>
Are there any dates I should put on my calendar?	<p><i>Every Monday from 11 Sept., 9.30-11.30, Linwood Campus Family Room: Wellness group</i></p> <p><i>28 Sept., 9.30-11.30, Linwood Campus Family Room: My Child Parent/Carer Support Group (meets monthly, further dates to follow)</i></p> <p><i>5 Oct., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</i></p> <p><i>2 Nov., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</i></p> <p><i>7 Dec., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 9 Oct: RE Week – Harvest (Christianity)</i></p> <p><i>23-27 Oct: Half term (school closed)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 6 Nov: MFL/Culture Week (theme to be confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 27 Nov: RE Week – Guru Nanak (Sikhism)</i></p> <p><i>18 Dec.-4 Jan: Christmas holiday (school closed)</i></p>
How can I contact the teacher?	<p><i>E-mail: amygracewhite@linwood.sch.uk</i></p> <p><i>If you need to contact us urgently, please call the school office on 01202 592410 and speak to Gemma or Lauren. Classroom-based staff may not be able to speak to you immediately but will call you back as soon as possible if necessary.</i></p>