



# Curriculum Newsletter



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## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have begun a new curriculum called Jigsaw. This half term, we will be learning all about how to be healthy and safe. The children will talk about healthy food choices and how exercise and sleep affect their bodies and mental health.

## Our Topic: Food Glorious Food

We will learn about how food is prepared and where it comes from. The children will learn to prepare their own food, including making sandwiches and baking. If any family members work with food or enjoy baking and would like to join in, please get in touch!

## Communication and Language

Lots of new songs and poems to learn about food!  
We will retell stories the children know well, including The Little Red Hen and Goldilocks.  
The children will listen to and give instructions.

## Physical Development

In PE, we will use climbing apparatus to develop the children's coordination and balance. Children will learn how to move around and jump off apparatus safely.  
In class we will focus on correct letter formation and sitting letters on the line in handwriting. We will also continue to practise using cutlery correctly.

## Books we will be reading

The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Jill Murphy  
The Little Red Hen  
The Giant Jam Sandwich by John Vernon Lord  
Goldilocks and the Three Bears

## Literacy

The sounds we will be focusing on are:  
- **ch,sh,th,ng,ai,ee,igh,oa, oo**  
We will revise the words below and learn to spell them in sentences:  
- **he, she, we, me, be, was, my, you, her, they**

## Understanding the World

We will compare food in different countries and from the past. We will identify plants that we can eat - is it the root, shoot, flower or leaves that we eat?

We will talk about communities and foods related to special celebrations.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will use the work of Andy Goldsworthy as inspiration for natural art.  
We will make our own paint using food items - beetroot makes a great dye!  
In music, we will listen to and follow rhythms playing instruments and using body percussion.

## Mathematics

We will compare length and height and use the language of longer/est and taller/est. We will sequence events and use time words. We will learn about 3D shapes and patterns.  
The children will show numbers up to 10 in different ways and be able to group 5 and then how many more.

[Key Instant Recall Facts](#)

This is a list of the number facts we teach each year at Catshill First School.

## PE Kits

**Both classes will have their PE on a Monday morning.**

All children need to have a PE kit in school;  
- a white t-shirt and black shorts

**All kit needs to be clearly named in a bag which is also clearly named.**

We will send this home half termly to wash.  
Please do let us know if items go missing and we will try our best to reunite you!

## Forest School 1

**RB - Wednesday PM  
RM - Friday PM**

On Forest School days children need to come into school in appropriate clothing e.g. tracksuit bottoms and jumpers. Arms and legs should always be covered and your child will need extra warm clothes on these days as well as waterproofs and wellies.

## RE

This half term we will find out how children are welcomed into different religions and look at the celebration of Baptism or a Christening in the Christian Church.  
After that, we will talk about the meaning of Easter for Christians and how it is celebrated in church and at home.

## Additional Information

We are low on spare clothes, especially trousers. If you have any spare trousers or joggers in ages 3-7 that you could let us keep in school please let your child's teacher know.

All uniform, coats and bags need to be clearly named please. Gloves, scarves and hats also need names in as these can easily get lost.

READING - please read together at least 3 times a week and write in your child's diary.