


Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English	<p><b>Title: Dr Strange's House of Pets – Warning Tale</b> Your child is learning to retell the story of Dr Strange's House of Pets. They will engage in lots of drama activities and use props to bring the story to life. Following this, they will then create their own story. The children will be learning to vary the lengths of their sentences, prepositions (above, underneath, below) and use similes. As well as composition, we will also be focusing on grammar; suffixes (-er and -est) and coordinating conjunctions (and, but, so, or). We will then move on to non-fiction where the children will be exposed to writing non-chronological reports.</p>
	<p>You can support your child by asking them to tell you about the story at home. They should use full sentences, describing words and expression in their voice. You can also support them by encouraging them to use the grammar they are learning within any writing they do at home.</p>
Writing	<p><b>Nelson Handwriting</b> Your child is continuing to write with their 'Perfect Pencil Grip' and 'Posture for Writing'. All children are beginning to join their Nelson handwriting. All letters should be joined, except for g, j, p, q, y and z.</p> 
	<p>You can support your child by ensuring that they sit properly on their chair with their feet on the floor, facing the table with a pencil in their writing hand and their other hand on their work. Please correct your child's grip if needed. Free writing is a good way of practising the joins but please support your child so they are learning good habits. Encourage and model to your child how to frequently read through their work and edit as they go.</p>
Reading	<p><b>Sounds-Write (Phonics)</b> Your child is practising their skills of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Splitting polysyllabic words into their syllables (e.g. hand/bag, wind/mill, syll/a/bles)</li> <li>• Reading polysyllabic words with fluency and applying them in writing.</li> <li>• Further consolidation of sounds and their spellings.</li> </ul> <p>Reading spans our entire curriculum at Floreat. It forms part of our daily routine both in and out of the classroom. We encourage children to become more independent by reading instructions from the board and engaging with a variety of texts. Your child will take part in everyday whole class reading lesson where we will be reading 'The Diary of the Killer Cat' by Anne Fine. Children will also have the opportunity to read with adults regularly.</p>
	<p>You can support your child by listening to them read every night at home and engaging in discussion about the text. This will help your child to develop comprehension skills as well as a pace and stamina for reading. It is also important to share and read a mixture of picture and longer chapter books with and to your child in order to broaden their knowledge of books. Reading books must be in school every day. We change books on Tuesday and Friday.</p>
Mathematics	<p>This term in Maths we will be continuing to explore the concept of addition and subtraction. We will be looking at varying methods, such as, crossing through a tens boundary, noticing patterns when adding and subtracting from the tens and using our skills to problem solves and reason. In addition to this, we will commence learning about multiplication. We will look at how to represent equal groups, identify and explain different parts of a multiplication sentence. The children will use their fluency skills of multiplication and begin to problem solve and reason.</p>
	<p>You could support at home by continuing to practice the 2s, 5s and 10s times table. You could encourage and inspire this by practicing for your child's next badge.</p>

Core Knowledge	<p>In Science your child will be learning about living things. They will be exploring the difference between things that are alive, dead and inanimate. In addition to this, they will also be looking at different habitats of different animals.</p> <p>In History pupils are learning about the Romans. The children will be learning about the growth of the Roman Empire, the Roman army and changes that Roman's made to Britain.</p> <p>In R.E pupils will be learning about Hinduism. The children will be learning about different Hindu celebrations and exploring the way Hindus worship.</p> <p>In Computing the children will be learning how to create pictograms on the computer. We will also be teaching children the importance of E-Safety and how to be safe when using electronic devices.</p>
	<p>You could support your child at home by helping them to think about different habitats of creatures around them. BBC Earth also has some great documentaries!</p>
Character & Jigsaw	<p>Your child is learning about leadership, teamwork, bravery and service. They will learn to problem solve in a team and learn that a great leader listens to their team and uses a confident voice. Your child will practice the skill of bravery by performing in groups to the class and using their confident voice when addressing adults. They will also be learning the importance of serving others and showing gratitude to those who serve us.</p> <p>In Jigsaw, the children will be celebrating differences. They will explore differences and similarities with their friends and playing lots of games to support with this.</p>
	<p><b>Character</b> – Year 3 will be studying the Character Virtue <b>Self-Control and Dignity</b> throughout the Autumn Term, alongside their discussions in assembly with Mr Custance, which will focus on a variety of other character virtues.</p> <p><b>Jigsaw</b> – This half-term, our Jigsaw (PSHE) lessons will focus around the topic "Celebrating Difference". By the end of this topic, children will recognise what is right &amp; wrong, learn how to look after themselves and understand that it is okay to be different.</p>
Art	<p>In Art we will be looking at colour, shape and texture. They will be looking at different artists who have created abstract pieces of art. They will be creating their own abstract pieces using their own shapes that they have designed.</p>
	<p>You could support at home by visiting one of the many Art museums in London and looking at different pieces of abstract art! Your child could practice this skill at home, using colours.</p>
Music	<p>This half term our music curriculum will centre around singing as we learn songs for our Key Stage 1 Nativity! We will also continue with the Charanga music scheme where the children will learn different techniques when playing a musical instrument. For example, rhythm, pitch and tempo.</p>
	<p>You can practise the songs and actions at home with your child.</p>
P.E.	<p>This term in PE, the children are learning about fundamental activities in sport, focusing on their gross motor skills and foot-eye coordination.</p>
	<p>The children will continue to come into their P.E clothes on Monday ready for their lesson. Children are able to bring in their own water bottle for these lessons.</p>
Spanish	<p>This half term your child will continue to learn about 'The Vegetables'. They will continue to revise vocabulary through games, songs and dance.</p>
	<p>You could support your child by singing their number songs and revising position language through playing games.</p>

