

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term; I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break with your families. I am very much looking forward to the coming term and seeing the children build on their fantastic progress. This half term you may see an increase in your child's home learning as we continue to practise and reinforce the skills needed for the SATs. I have reminded the children that I will still be running the lunchtime home learning club on Thursday's for anyone who would like support. I would like to thank you for your support with the children's home learning so far this year - it really will help with reinforcing concepts and gaining confidence. As always, if you feel you need to discuss anything in regards to your child's learning or school life, then please get in touch and I will arrange a time to see or contact you.

I am always happy to help!

Maths: This half-term in our maths lessons children will study the following units:

Ratio

Algebra

Decimals

All lessons will include chances for children to apply their learning to reasoning and problem solving. We will also continue to recap learning from previous year groups and tailor any intervention groups to focus on your child's areas of need.

In preparation for SATS arithmetic tests, we will be having weekly arithmetic sessions, focussing on written methods of calculation.

English

Writing

Mystery narrative: based on 'The Templeton Twins' by Ellis Weiner

Persuasive campaign: based on 'Suffragette: The Battle for Equality' by David Roberts

Reading

Our reading lessons will take place daily and explore fluency, retrieval, inference, deduction, prediction and explanation. We ensure that the texts are selected based on the need for exposure to diversity, current affairs, history and classics.

We will continue to encourage children to read regularly at home and expect reading diaries to be in school each day so that home reading can be monitored. The aim is that children read at home each day with a minimum of 3 times per week. Our 'Starbooks' initiative will continue and there will be winners each half term. Our Reading Scrapbook will also be taken home by a child each week so that they can review books they have enjoyed and offer

Science – Animals including humans

Science

Our science unit will be Animals including humans. During this unit of learning children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will know the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function and they will describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Geography- South America

History- The Ancient Greeks

Children will complete their unit based on South America and then move on to study The Ancient Greeks in History. This will include knowing that Ancient Greece was split into city states with their own governments; knowing the different types of government in Ancient Greece, including monarchy (ruled by a king with total power), oligarchy (ruled by a small group of rich men who shared power) and democracy (ruled by many men picked at random) and knowing that most Ancient Greeks believed in many Gods that they felt they should please.

Art and Design - Painting in the style of Salvador Dahli

Pupils should have the skill now to control paint to work in different ways; precise and accurate when needed yet loose and instinctive when required.

Pupils should know different types of paint media and when to use them, they should be familiar with different papers and surfaces to paint on and be able to name them.

Pupils should paint from observation using tone, line, texture, and colour to express mood and feeling.

PSHE – Safety and the changing body/Health and Wellbeing

This unit will continue and allow children;

- To understand that loss and change can cause a range of emotions.
- To understand the risks associated with drinking alcohol.
- To understand that online relationships should be treated in the same way as face to face relationships.
- To know where to get help with online problems.
- Understand the term grief and describe some of the associated emotions.

RE – Hinduism.

Children will;

- know what Brahman and atman are.
- know the Hindu beliefs: dharma karma, samsara, moksha.
- know the story of the man in the well and explain how it relates to Hindu beliefs.
- know the Hindu ideas about the four aims of life (purusharthas): dharma, artha, kama and moksha and how they link to the 4 stages of life.

Computing – Networks

In this unit, children will...

...learn the difference between the internet and the world wide web.

...learn what a LAN and a WAN are, and give examples.

Music – Music Technology

Children will work on the following this half-term:


Rhythm

Children explore timbres and contrasting rhythms; maintaining a rhythmic part.

PE – Dance

One of the children's weekly PE lessons will focus on dance. Skills will include; dancing in canon - dancing one after the other in order; using different speeds, flow and strength and using popping - the tensing and releasing of muscles

Lesson 2 will be delivered by the sports coach and will focus on Outdoor Adventure Activities.



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diary dates!**