



# Term Newsletter

## THE YEAR TEAM:

Class 9: Mr Holland and Mrs Restell

Class 10: Miss Ward and Mrs Middleton



### English

The range of genre studied this term will include, diary entries, narrative writing, all linked to our topics, which will provide the children with a purpose for writing. There will be regular opportunities for children to develop their speaking and listening skills through class discussions, role play, paired and group work, PSHE and Philosophy for children.

The children will have weekly guided reading sessions with the teacher, focussing particularly upon developing their comprehension skills.

The children will also participate in weekly grammar and spelling sessions in class and will be bringing spellings home to learn every Friday.



### Maths

During this term particular focus will be placed upon: - place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division. Problem solving skills will be developed through all aspects of maths which will be linked to our topics. The children will be encouraged to use whatever resources they feel will help aid their understanding, for example, dienes, place value counters, Numicon. If you require further understanding or clarification, please feel free to discuss with your child's teacher. To meet the expected standards in Year 4, children need to know all their tables up to 12 x 12. Within the curriculum we will frequently use and apply these facts to support us in solving more complex problems.



### Science

The focus this term will be 'States of Matter' where children will learn about solids, liquids and gases. We will also be looking at the water cycle.



### Computing

This term the children will be made aware of fake news, give them the skills to consider each piece of news they read on its own merits and decide what is real or fake.



## R.E.

We have two themes for this term. Firstly, 'Places of Worship' where the children will be studying how and where Christians, Hindus and Jews worship. After half term, the children will be looking at the concept of 'Angels' in Christianity.



## P.E.

### Dance

The theme for our dance in Autumn 2 is the 'water cycle' where children will learn a set sequence, understand the importance of a warm up and a cool down and work in a group to create a section of a dance ready to perform.

### Gymnastics

We will be working on building our shape and balance techniques, creating floor work sequences.

### Games

This term we will be learning about Netball and Rugby.



## Geography & History

### Geography

During this term, children will study climate zones and biomes, focusing on Antarctica to contrast with Rainforests in the summer term. We will also look at Roman Britain and the impact they had on the landscape.

### History

The children will be learning about the Roman Empire and the impact it had on life in Roman Britain. They will be given opportunities to examine and handle artefacts and carry out their own research.



## Art & D.T.

This term, children will be developing and using a range of drawing skills. Children will learn and use vocabulary associated with observational drawings and acquire new skills to use across a range of artwork.

We also will be designing, planning and sculpting clay linked to the theme of angels.



## Music

During this term the children will get the opportunity to work with different instruments and explore music in a variety of ways linked to ideas about the Romans and Angels.



## M.F.L.

This term, children will be learning how to say greetings, feelings, names and numbers in French.



## Heart Smart

We will begin the year by recapping Heart Smart rules and “Get HeartSmart” expectations before going into the first unit of Don’t Forget To Let Love In.



## Worship

We will start the new academic year with a focus on what are we hoping for in terms of our learning, our friendships and our new class.

We will continue to make explicit links with our core Christian values of Love, Hope and Faith and with the British values wherever possible (which are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs).



## Key Information

Homework will be given out on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday. The children will have a homework task set on google classroom each week explaining the tasks that need to be completed. Homework will be Literacy or Maths work, and may be topic based occasionally. Longer term projects will also be set at various times throughout the year. Alongside this, children will be expected to practise their weekly spellings, read for at least 15 minutes and practise their Times Tables on TT Rockstars. Please let us know if you are having difficulty with the homework. We don’t want homework to be a cause of conflict between children and parents, and we need to work together to make it a positive experience for everyone.

