



Term Newsletter

THE YEAR TEAM:

Class 9: Mr Holland, Mrs Markham and Miss Barrett

Class 10: Miss Cox and Mrs Middleton



English

The range of genre studied this term will include diary entries and 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.

The children will have weekly reciprocal reading sessions focussing particularly upon developing their comprehension skills.

The children will also participate in weekly grammar and spelling sessions in class and they 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.

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 develop an awareness of fake news and gain the skills to evaluate each piece of information on its own merits, enabling them to make informed decisions about whether it is real or fake.

Our second unit of work will see children take on the role of actors, directors, editors, camera operators and special effect artists as they create a movie trailer for a dinosaur-themed film.



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

In Spring 1 we will be working on the wall-bars, and equipment to develop our balance and symmetry skills.

Games

This term we will be learning about Netball and hockey.



Geography & History

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.

Geography

During the second half of the Autumn term, children will study climate zones and biomes, focusing on Antarctica.



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 Shackleton's journey.



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

In our Heartsmart units, we will explore:

Get Heart Smart:

- Powering our hearts with Heart Smart choices
- Understanding our emotions
- Showing kindness
- Being grateful

Don't forget to Let Love In:

- Considering what the word 'love' means
- Learning how important, valued and loved we are
- Recognising the people in our lives we are grateful for



Worship

We will be starting the new school year by focusing on new starts, reflecting on last year and looking forward to this year. We will then begin our theme for the half term which will be 'our school Christian values'. We will explore each of our school values, learning about where they are shown in the bible and consider how we can show them in our daily life in school and at home. We will also be reminding ourselves of the British Values 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 needs to be completed. Homework will generally be English or Maths based work. Longer, topic-based homework 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 a day 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.

