

Autumn Term 2020 – first half

Here's a summary of what year 4, 5 and 6 will be covering this term.



English Initially the class will use texts by Anthony Browne to develop their writing skills and use of English grammatical conventions. After which the children will partake in a longer study of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. This novel presents a Christian world view through a mythical tale allowing children to access the gospel in a powerful way. During these sessions, children will develop their vocabulary, write effective settings using an array of figurative language, focus on writing speech and develop sentence structure. Spelling progress will be measured by a mixture of spelling tests, dictations and the ability to apply spellings learnt into their written work across the curriculum.

Maths In maths this term the class will start by consolidating their understanding of number. They will revisit place value adding on to their existing knowledge by ordering, rounding and regrouping numbers. They will answer problems concerning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, using their reasoning powers depending on their age and ability. When measuring we will be converting units, comparing, estimation and calculating.

RE This term the class will discuss the Israelites plight in the desert and how Moses sent Joshua and Caleb as scouts into Canaan. We will use Bible references to discover what happened to the Israelites next. The class will follow Moses until his death learning who took over as leader, defeated Jericho and led God's people to the Promised Land.

History This term we will be immersed in Prehistoric Britain. The children will start by making timelines and comparing British history at this time, with other parts of the world. They will compare their daily routine to what life may have been like in Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Periods. We will discuss how they hunted and the types of tools they used. We will learn about the Stone Age village at Skara Brae in the Orkneys, and towards the end of term learn about Stonehenge.

Science Our science topic is plants. Through practical sessions, children will discover that a flowering plant has an array of parts that perform different jobs. Leading on from this, the class will discuss fertilisation, germination and pollination in order to grasp how plants reproduce. They will use their investigative skills to understand how plants transport water. In addition to being introduced to a variety of plants, the class will focus on different types of seed dispersal.

Computing This term children will develop their understanding of e-safety. They will be taught to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. They will also learn to recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviours when online and develop strategies to report

concerns if necessary. They will develop their understanding of the various types of communication that the internet facilitates. In addition, children now have a Purple Mash account where they will access activities to develop other curriculum areas.

Music This term we will select descriptive sounds creating a musical retelling of a poem, play tuned and untuned instruments and explore timbre to create a descriptive piece of music. We will also sing in two part harmony with expression.

French Our French topic for the first part of the autumn term will cover new vocabulary so that children can name parts of the body and have a simple conversation about common ailments. After which, they will write simple sentences about their choice of clothes, their preferences and how often they wear certain outfits. Year 5 and 6 will also be introduced to past, present and future tenses.

PE The class will develop their team working skills whilst taking part in netball drills. They will improve their ball catching and throwing accuracy and learn strategies for attack and defensive play. The class will also have the opportunity to develop football skills. Please ensure children have trainers in addition to T shirt and shorts and tracksuits once the weather gets cooler. P.E. will take place most weeks on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Art This term the class will focus on art with an over-arching theme of the stone age. They will learn to select the correct brushes, mix colours, shades and tones during painting sessions and also investigate painting on textural surfaces. They will also have the opportunity to work with clay and evaluate the effectiveness of natural substances when dying fabric.

PSHE In PHSE we will be considering keeping safe and will be learning about the choices we make to enable this. We will also be learning about how we can become more independent and responsible for ourselves.

Homework

English and spelling homework will be set and evaluated by Miss White. Weekly spellings will be tested on Monday morning. New homework will be issued on Tuesday and should be handed in the following Monday.

Maths Homework will be set by Mrs Beckett and will handed in on a Wednesday and given out on Thursday. The children will be also have tables to practise and these will be tested on Wednesday. Brain builder homework will also be given out periodically.

As always, the Autumn Term is very busy and will still adopt some of the 'new normal' practices to ensure the safety of the school community. Children can have a challenging time settling into school again after the long summer holidays. If you have any concerns as the term progresses, please contact the office or drop us an email.

As you are aware, Mrs Beckett and Miss White have joint responsibility for Key Stage 2. Miss White will always take the class on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Beckett will be class teacher on Thursdays. Wednesday and Friday sessions will alternate on a weekly basis with Mrs Beckett teaching the first Wednesday and Miss White the first Friday.

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