

First half Autumn Term 2023

Here's a summary of this term for KS2



On Mondays, spellings will be tested and then new spelling homework will be given to be completed and returned the following Monday.

Each Tuesday, children will be given a piece of Maths and English homework that should be handed in for marking the same week on Friday. Each half term they will also have a Brain Builder to complete.

English This term will start with non-fiction persuasion texts, understanding the features of this text type. The stimuli will be familiar picture books. After which Key Stage 2 will study a 'Take one Book' unit using a text with a WW2 theme 'The Lion and the Unicorn'. The class will also study poetry focusing on an owl theme and later the cinquain poetry form. They will be entering a local poetry competition in October. The Class story this term will be war focused – an abridged version of Michael Morpurgo's Friend or Foe – supporting learning in history. Reading is an integral part of becoming a better writer so children will be encouraged to read a wide variety of books. Children will have guided reading sessions twice a week focusing on inference, retrieval, author intent and vocabulary usage as well as being heard individually.

Maths The class will be split for maths sessions so they are able to access their age appropriate curriculum. These will be taught via a rotation process delivered by Miss White, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Sellars or Mrs Eason. As always, the autumn term begins consolidating number and place value reasoning, ensuring children can work with numbers in the hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands and beyond a million. The class will continue to develop and embed multiplying and dividing, applying this to problem solving. They will practise formal written methods of addition and subtraction using up to four-digit numbers, including decimals for the Year 5s, and using rounding to estimate answers initially.

RE This term children will learn about places of worship for Christians and other world religions. They will consider what makes a building sacred and experience first hand different worship environments.

Computing starting with an e-safety unit, children will engage in activities to help them stay safe online. They will follow the SMART acronym in these lessons identifying for example, the dangers of internet searches, gaming, emailing and revisiting how to use this wonderful technology respectfully. They will also consider screen time in relation to the effects on mental health.

Science The class will consider what a scientist is and the different strands of scientific work. They will develop their knowledge of a range of historic and contemporary scientists. Performing several investigations, including an owl pellet dissection, and use a variety of skills to develop their practical, oral and written scientific knowledge and understanding.

History The autumn term will start with studying World War II. Children will discover how war changed the lives of men, women and children. They will use time lines and various sources to develop their understanding of this period. They will also look at propaganda in terms of the literature and posters issued by governments from both sides. Children will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the life of children in WW2, having the chance to become an evacuee for the day at the end of term. Further information will follow later in the term.

Art Children will use paint to produce autumnal creations, before using a variety of methods to create sculptures. They will consider the work of Giacometti and Kapoor to inform their practice.

Music During music sessions the class will be introduced to ostinato repeating patterns. They will use a pentatonic scale to create compositions using glockenspiels, xylophones and other tuned percussion.

French This term the class will learn vocabulary in French for classroom instructions. They will revise body parts and colours and also develop short conversations about clothing.

PE Please ensure trainers, shorts and their DHS T-shirts are in school at all times. Although P.E. is timetabled on set days (Mondays and Thursdays), sometimes this has to change to accommodate the weather. If cold, children can wear their blue Friday tracksuits over their P.E. kit. Please ensure that girls also have a pair of socks in their P.E. bag, as tights must be removed for physical activity sessions. This term children will be involved in a combination of football and netball skills. Swimming lessons will begin on Friday 15th September.

PSHE Lessons will include: classroom rules, how to develop good friendships, learning ways to respond positively to peer pressure and to recognise how their behaviour affects others.

Our Class assembly will focus on science and will be performed Thursday 12th October 2023.

As always, this term looks to be a busy yet productive term. Mrs Johnson will teach the class on Mondays and Miss White for the remainder of the week. If you have any queries please contact us.

Although children will use several classrooms during the day, please collect your children from the class 3 door at the side of the school at the end of the school day.

Miss White and Mrs Johnson