

Dear parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas under the current circumstances and a Happy New Year. Here's what we'll be learning about in the Spring Term:

English:

This term we will begin by looking at a narrative text. The children will be encouraged to use descriptive vocabulary and clever sentence structuring to create their own story. We will be also be emphasising the importance of punctuating accurately and the need for proof reading our writing. After the half term break, the children will be exploring and writing a non-chronological report. The children will investigate the structure of a non-chronological report and then move on to planning and writing their own text.

The children will continue to take part in whole class reading each week as well. This is an important session as it enables us to work on the childrens' ability to retrieve evidence and clues from the text to answer questions. Spellings will be tested every Friday, with a focus on the statutory word lists.

Maths:

We start the new term by continuing to look at multiplication and division. The children will be taught to use formal written methods to multiply and divide and use them to answer and solve problems. Selection of strategies and knowledge of which method will work most efficiently to answer the question will also be a focus this term. We will be going over our times tables regularly the children will be tested on a particular times table every Friday. After multiplication and division, we will switch our focus to fractions. The children will notice that fractions are a quantity of a number, group or set of objects and learn how to add and subtract fractions. They'll also learn about equivalent fractions and how to count in fractions. The children will use their understanding to solve more complex problems and be encouraged to explain their thinking clearly.

Science: Light / Electricity

In the Spring term our first topic will be Light. We will find out how and why we see things and how to protect our eyes from sunlight. After half term, we will be studying electricity, we will begin to see how electric circuits work using simple components.

P.S.H.E: Climate and money

We will spend the term looking into a variety of PSHE topics including climate and money matters.

History: Roman Britain

In the first half of the term, we will be looking at Roman Britain. We will discuss why the Romans invaded and settled and whether any of the developments they brought were positive.



Geography: Rivers and the water cycle

In the second half of the term, we will be developing our geographical skills as we look at the water cycle. We will explore each different stage of the water cycle from the land to the atmosphere.

PE: Fitness and core skills

Throughout the spring term, the children will continue to practise a range of agility, balance and coordination skills. The children will learn about challenging yourself through beating your personal best.

Computing: To be done after half term

RE: Hinduism / The Easter Story

In the first part of the term, we will continue to look at Hinduism, learning what it means to be a Hindu in modern day Britain. The second half term will focus on the Easter story. We will be using religious vocabulary to describe the story and explain the importance of Easter within the Christian faith.

Music: Reggae - Three Little Birds

The children will investigate reggae music through looking at the song Three Little Birds along with other music in a similar style.

MFL: French

Bonjour! This term the children will learn more French vocabulary, including the days of the week, months of the year, how to say their age and when their birthday is.

Art: Printing

This term's art project will focus on printing collographs. The children will learn about a famous artist Hokusai. They will then look at how to use different natural materials to create textures and design and create their own piece of art.

DT: Structures

The children will be looking at different structures, including nets of 3D shapes to link into future maths topics.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions.
I hope you all have a lovely Spring term!

Many thanks,
Miss Wolstenholme