

Dear Parents/Carers,

The following newsletter provides information about what your child will be learning during the forthcoming term, along with a brief outline of some of our classroom routines. Maths homework and spellings will set on Seesaw on **Wednesday**. This can be handed in online at any time before **Monday**. If you have any problems with using SeeSaw please let us know, and paper copies can be given. Other tasks relating to our topics may also be set on SeeSaw when needed.

Reading books will be sent home on **Mondays** and should be returned to school on **Fridays**. Your child will bring home two RWI books matched to their phonics level and a reading for pleasure book which is for you to share together, or they will bring home Accelerated Reader books to complement their reading. Regular reading at home will have a significant impact on your child's progress and we value your support with this.

Numeracy

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

Multiplication and Division: Through grouping and sharing small quantities, pupils begin to understand: multiplication and division; doubling numbers and quantities; and finding simple fractions of objects, numbers and quantities. They make connections between arrays, number patterns, and counting in twos, fives and tens and the times tables.

Money: Recognise the value of different coins and notes, count coins and combine totals, give change, solve simple word problems involving money

Shape: recognise, name and know the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, recognise lines of symmetry.

Literacy

In Literacy this term, the children will continue to focus on phonics during Read Write Inc. sessions. Children read every day in school as part of their sessions and spellings are also carried out daily as part of this.

In the first half term our key texts will be "Izzy Gizmo" and "Three Cheers for Inventors" and will be writing reports about different inventors and creating our own inventions and writing explanations about how they work. In the second half of the term our key texts will be "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" and "The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig". We will be writing instructions and persuasive letters to say whether the Wolf is really the bad guy or not!

RE

The first theme will be 'Books'. Children will study a range of biblical texts to help understand the importance of scripture. The second theme is 'Thanksgiving'. We will learn more about the special Sacrament of the Eucharist. The final theme marks the season of Lent. We will reflect on how Lent is the time to prepare and look at opportunities to be more giving.

Science

We will be looking at the uses of everyday materials and their properties. We will explore how these properties can help us to decide on the suitability of different materials for different task and will carry out investigations into different materials.

Computing

We will be learning all about how important it is to stay safe when online and what rules we should follow during Safer Internet Day. We will use presentation software to learn how to create slides to share information. We will use Beebots and Probots to begin learning how to program and control movements.

History

We will be learning about 'Fantastic Firsts'. We will think about the lives of significant historical figures such as George Stephenson, Amelia Erhart, Neil Armstrong etc and why they are remembered and the impact that they had on our lives.

Geography

We will continue to develop our locational skills using maps atlases and globes. We will be look at the differences between hot and cold places and where these are located and why.

PE

PE will take place each **Monday** and **Thursday**. We will have weekly lessons with Simply Sport. We will develop our skills in athletics, ball skills, gymnastics and dance.

Music

We will listen to a range of music associated with different animals – focusing largely on a range of classical music, but also music from around the world. We will be developing listening skills, musical vocabulary and basic skills in pulse, rhythms and pitch.

Art

Using the materials topic as our theme, we will be developing collage, using textiles to create work which can also include weaving to layer materials for effect. We will create sculptures in 2D and 3D form; developing manipulation skills.

Design and Technology

We will investigate inventions from the past, how they were made, the materials used, any moving parts and how they move. We will then plan, design, make and evaluate an object with moving parts e.g. wheels

RSHE

We will explore what it is like to live in our community and how we are all made unique and special in the eyes of God. We will use Internet Safety Day to think about how we can stay safe online.

We do hope you find this information useful – if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
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