

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS
THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

THROUGH THE AGES**Literacy**

In Literacy we will be focusing on two texts. The first text is 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister. Children will create descriptive writing pieces and plan and write their own version of the story. The second text is 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein. The class will focus on creating a character description and writing their own historical narratives.

Reading

In reading we will be focusing on the text 'Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. The children will use the text to find meaning beyond the literal and use inference skills to work out the characteristics of different people from the story.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on 'Skeletons, muscles and nutrition.' The children will learn about the importance of nutrition for humans and other animals. They will learn about the role of a skeleton and muscles and identify animals with different types of skeletons. The children will learn about tendons and ligaments and the differences between them.

We will be focusing on a healthy, balanced diet and sorting foods into the five food groups.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'What do Christians learn about the Creation?' Pupils will be able to familiarise themselves with the first Creation story from Genesis. They will learn about the key messages with the creation story about the world being good and how Christians are called to look after God's world. They will then move on to learn the story of Adam and Eve.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be changed and sent home every Friday.

Please encourage your children to read for pleasure and to discuss these stories with you.

Please sign their reading record daily and return them to school each day. Each child will be entered into a reading challenge where they must read at least 3 times each week.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be working on 'Being me in my World.' This will cover having a positive attitude to our learning.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Place Value
- Reading and writing numbers up to 1000
- Counting in 50's
- Written addition and subtraction methods with 2 and 3 digit numbers.

We will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, as well as revisiting and consolidating the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

Geography

In Geography we will be focusing on Tourism and why people visit other places. This project teaches children to locate counties and cities, as well as being able to use grid references. Children will be able to use the eight points of a compass to help them locate different areas. Children will use atlases to locate European countries and cities. With the use of the knowledge gathered within lessons the class will be able to explore the consequences of tourism.

History

In History we will be focusing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. As historians we will be learning about the people during these periods of time. The children will learn about British Prehistory and studying the changes that happen to people and lifestyle through these periods of time. They will understand that history can be divided into periods of time which are put into chronological order.

Music

In music children will be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs and playing instruments.

Computing/Spanish

In computing we will be focusing on the importance of E-Safety and creating posters. The children will be understanding computing systems and how digital devices work.

The children will learn about the Spanish language. They will be able to say basic phrases, such as greetings and the names of colours.

Homework

Times tables and spelling books will be handed out each week. A times tables and spelling test will be completed every Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Art/DT

Our Art lessons will be focusing on contrasting and complementing colours. The children will be learning about and experimenting with the colour theory and mixing different colours.

In DT the children will be learning to cook and eat well. We will focus on the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and use this knowledge to make a pancake.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Friday** afternoons. PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt, as well as their outdoor kit of plain black joggers and black jumper. Trainers are also required on this day.

If you have any concerns: please speak to Miss Worrall or Mrs Moore on the door or please ring/email the school office if it is urgent.