

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas and are ready for the exciting and busy new year ahead.

English

This term we will be reading *Daughter of the Sea* by Berlie Doherty. Our focus is to appreciate the use of language to create atmosphere. We will be exploring the characters their relationships and how they change.

We then move onto *Macbeth* which I am sure they will enjoy. This is our RSC text for this term and we will be accessing the live streaming from the company later in the term. We will be looking at the language of Shakespeare, the characters and the theme.

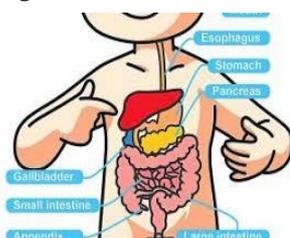
Reading, as always, remains a high priority. Can children please continue to read regularly at home and record comments in their logs. These comments are important to us as they form the basis of our reading discussions.

Spelling

These will be given weekly and we will continue to combine these with our handwriting practice.

Science First Half Term the Human Body

In this topic the children will explore the human body, focusing on the teeth and digestive system. We will then look at food chains, identifying producers, prey and predators linking this with our rainforest topic.



Maths

In maths this term the children will cover the following areas; place value, mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, measures and data handling, fractions, time and shape. The learning this term will build on the areas covered in the Autumn term as well as introducing new concepts. We will be learning about fractions, linking this to our knowledge of division, as well as adding and finding equivalent fractions. We will be reading scales, using different units of measurement and working with time on analogue and digital clocks.

Times tables will remain a priority and weekly Friday tests will continue.

Second half term- our focus is Sound

The children will explore how vibrations make sounds and how these sounds travel as waves through the air to the ear. We will investigate the relationship between pitch, volume and vibrations and how these can be changed - a very noisy topic!



In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World** the Geography topic this term is the rainforest and adaptation. We will be locating the worlds rainforest, looking at their geographical features, the animals and their habitats. We will be learning about how animals in the rainforest have evolved and adapted to their environment. We will also be looking at the part the rainforests play in climate chan



P.E - Gymnastics - this term the children will explore simple and more complex balances. They will incorporate these into a sequence of movements using both the floor and the apparatus. The children will work both individually and with partners to create sequences and routines.

Swimming - Will continue on Thursdays.

<p>Art- Sculpture - The children will be developing the art skills in drawing and painting. We will be taking our inspiration from art in the environment. Using the beauty of nature, we will be investigating artist who to have been inspired by the natural world. Printing - The children will also continue printing, creating their own printing blocks combing both embossed and engraving techniques. They will use layering and different colours, as well as their artist skills to create repeating and rotated patterns. The patterns will be inspired by our work on nature.</p>	 <p>Design/Technology- Our D/T is linkages. We will be focusing on our skills making many different linkages. Once these have been mastered, we will be designing and making our own moving monster.</p>	<p>Music- Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Dingle. The children will continue to play their brass instruments as well as singing, clapping rhythms and reading music.</p> 
<p>RE - Islam - Why is Muhammad important to Muslims? Through this topic the children will learn more about the religion of Islam. And Muhammad. The focus will be on Ramadan and why Muslims fast as well as the night of Power - Muhammad's journey.</p> <p>Kingdom of God - 'When Jesus left what was the impact of Pentecost?' Through this topic the children will make clear links between the story of the Day of Pentecost and Christian belief about the Kingdom of God on Earth. The children will learn that Christians believe Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives by the Holy Spirit, if they let him.</p>		
 <p>French Madame Hadfield will continue to teach her very interactive and action-packed French lessons to the class every Tuesday.</p>	 <p>Computing The computing curriculum has two parts. Computing will be used across the curriculum areas to enhance and support learning as well as specific skills being taught within discrete lessons. The skills taught this term will be focused presenting work using applications such as 'Keynote' and 'I Books'.</p>	
<p>Personal, Social and Health Education PSHE will continue to be taught by Mr Smith the focus being on what is needed to be healthy. The topic will include the safe use of medicines. We will look at medicines which are harmful and those which we need to be healthy. PSHE will also be responsive to the needs of the class and any current topical issues as they arise.</p>		
<p>The spring term promises to be a busy one packed with lots of exciting new learning opportunities as well as our much-awaited trip to Stanley Head, more information will follow in due course. If you have any knowledge or skills in the areas, we are studying this term we would love for you to share these with us. As always please don't hesitate to contact me if you have and questions or concerns regarding your child. Thank you so much for your continued support. Happy learning! Mrs Lowe</p>		