

Year 5 Spring Term 2024

Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the New Year, we hope everybody had a lovely break and we wish you and your family all the best for 2024. This term we are exploring the solar system and learning about the Amazon Rainforest. It is going to be a busy term. Our class assembly is on Wednesday 7th February at 9:15, we would love it if you can join us to see what we have been learning.



In Art, we will be learning about the artist Paul Cezanne and looking at some of his landscape paintings. Children will be using a range of media to create their own landscape pictures. In DT, during the second half term, we will be focusing on textiles and sewing.



In English, we will focus on different genres over the term including non-chronological reports, writing from a viewpoint and biographies. We will continue working on our spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting to consolidate and apply to our written and creative work. Children will be encouraged at all times to use their writers' toolkits and other resources to independently review and edit their writing.



In Maths, we will be solving problems including those involving money and time and learning how to convert between different units of metric measure. As well as consolidating previous learning we will be extending our knowledge of fractions and introducing decimals and percentages. We will also be learning about graphs and how to interpret and draw them. The children will continue to have weekly arithmetic and times tables activities to support their progress across mathematics.

In our Science lessons, we will be continuing to learn about solids, liquids and gases and then move on to learning about the Earth and Space. Children will be learning about how night and day occurs, why we have years and seasons and why the moon has different phases. We will then move on to look at the solar system, learning about the different planets and our galaxy, the Milky Way.

In Geography, we will be exploring the Amazon rainforests. We will look at maps of the world and the location of rainforests. We will discuss why the rainforest is important and the effects of deforestation.



In Computing, we will be learning about programming and methods of handling data and linking this to our Space topic.

In R.E, we will be learning about Sikhism and the Easter story in Christianity.



For P.E we will be working on our curling and boccia skills. Those children not swimming, will be learning badminton. Please remember your P.E kits. P.E will usually take place on a Monday; although this may be changed at short notice, so please keep a kit in school. PE or Swimming will continue to take place on a Thursday. You will have received a separate communication about this if your child is taking part in swimming this term.

PE Kit

Children can bring dark coloured jogging top and bottoms for outside P.E sessions. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions (including for swimming) and they must remove their earrings and have a hair band to tie up long hair for safety reasons.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Monday, this will consist of times tables practice, spellings and reading. We will be monitoring the online learning to make sure children are completing those tasks and will continue to test children on their spellings (Monday) and times tables (Tuesday) weekly.

It is important that your child reads at home, we recommend that this is for at least 15 minutes a day, as this forms part of their set homework. Please sign their reading diary to say that this has been completed.

Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to us after school or contact us via Class Dojo.

Mrs Helen Rose and Mrs Robyn Keen