

5C Newsletter Spring 2017

Welcome back! After a busy Autumn Term, we are straight back into it for the New Year. There will be many exciting opportunities for the children to learn and grow this term and I am looking forward to sharing these times with you all.

Literacy

This first half term we will be using poetry and rhyme as the theme for our literacy lessons.

Initially we will be focusing on narrative poetry and using the poem, "Albert and the Lion". This poem will allow us to delve into a range of spelling, grammar and punctuation learning, as well as providing inspiration for writing in different genres. Towards the end of the half term we will be investigating famous English monarchs, which are linked to our History topic. Through this we will be writing reports on their reigns, and investigating the qualities needed to be a monarch, which will be linked to using persuasive writing techniques.

Throughout all our writing we will continue to focus on developing our knowledge and understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation. We will write in the first and third person, choosing which will be most effective in particular pieces of writing. We will also continue to work on the key words and Year 5 & 6 spelling lists.



Numeracy

Maths lessons will focus on fractions, decimals and percentages this term, starting with fractions. We will look at the relationship between these areas and how to complete calculations. Times table rock starts will continue on a daily basis. The children should continue to access Mathematics at home and as always, please support your child in practising their times tables and related division facts at home.



Science

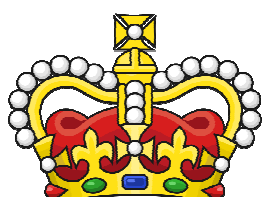
For the first half term, our topic will be – Animals, including humans. We will be investigating how humans change as they develop and grow and comparing the human life cycle to that of other mammals.

In the second half term, our topic will be materials and irreversible changes. This will involve practical activities, so that the children have experience in creating these changes

History

Our topic for this half term is the changing role of the Monarchy. We will learn about the reigns of a range of Kings and Queens of Britain, with a greater focus on the time of the English civil war. This will continue in Literacy when we will focus on the reign of some of the most famous monarchs in our history.

After half term we will be switching our focus to Geographical studies.



RE

In RE we will be focusing on beliefs in God and the different ways that people approach their beliefs.

We will be considering the importance of understanding the differences between people and learning to work together in respect.

Computing

In computing we will be learning in more detail about computer networks and how the internet can provide multiple services. We will consider the many uses of the internet and what it actually is.

We will also create non-linear presentations containing hyperlinks.

Weekly Routines.

PE – This takes place every Monday. P.E. kits should be in school at all times.

Homework- English and Maths are given on Friday and should be returned by Wednesday.

Spellings are given out every Monday and should be learned for the following week

Reading – Reading books need to be read on a regular basis. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books up to three times a week. The children also have the opportunity to choose a library book from the school library each week.

Times Table Rockstars – This takes place daily. Please encourage your children to practise at home.

Other Curriculum Areas

PSHE – Looking after money

Art – Head dresses – linked to the monarchy.

MFL – What's in the news?

Music – Don't Stop Believing – Charanga music

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