



Autumn 1

UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,
 Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over Summer - it has been wonderful to welcome the children into their new classes. They have settled in well and shown great enthusiasm towards their lessons. Please see below for the outline of what the children will be learning this half term:

History: Hunter Gatherers

In this unit, we will be learning all about prehistoric Britain, long before the Roman invasion in 43AD. We will begin by travelling through the Stone Age, learning about how the first humans came to set foot on British soil and how they adapted to battle through the Ice Age. We will then journey through the Bronze Age, and further on to the Iron Age, and look at how key advancements helped change their lifestyles at a rapid rate.



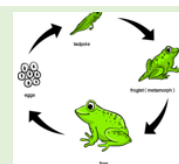
Art:

The children will begin their collage unit by looking at the work of Andy Burgess and how he creates cityscape art pieces using a variety of materials and vibrant colours. They will continue to develop their drawing skills by looking single point perspective drawings. This will then be developed into creating their own cityscape collage inspired by Andy Burgess' art work.



Science:

This half term in Science, children will become experts in their knowledge of the lifecycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They will learn what similarities and differences these animals share and seek patterns based on their own enquiry questions. As well as this, they will learn about sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and animals.



PE:

During outdoor PE the children will begin the new school year by working on the fundamental movement skills of 'Agility, Balance & Coordination' These will then be applied throughout the year. During the indoor lesson, they will be working on developing their Gymnastics knowledge.

PE days:

Doves: Wednesday & Friday
 Kingfishers: Wednesday & Friday
 Eagles: Monday and Thursday

RE: Christianity

Within this unit, pupils will learn about what Christians believe God is like, exploring key texts from the Bible. They will study passages to work out some ways the Bible says that God is both holy and loving. Pupils will link their learning in this topic to other concepts studied to suggest why Christians believe this. By the end of the unit, they will be able to explain that for most Christians, getting to know God is like getting to know a person.



PSHE: Relationships

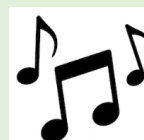
This unit will focus on different relationships that we may experience in our lives. There is a huge focus on friendships, looking at how we can maintain existing friendships as well as how to help form new friendships.



Computing: Digital Citizenship will allow children to think about how they affect and are affected by the online world. They will consider online safety, their online footprint and the importance of acting with "netiquette".

Music:

The children will learn to read staff notation for 1, 2 and 4 beat rhythms. They will learn about African drumming; playing with the correct posture and gain an understanding of 'the beat', 'rhythm' and 'tempo'.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Please can all children bring in an old shirt or t shirt (the bigger the better) that they can wear to protect their uniform during messy activities and Art.

Home Learning:

- Reading 10-15 minutes 5 times per week and completion of reading records
- Completion of spelling activity in homework book. (15mins)
- Completion of arithmetic activity in homework book. (15mins)
- Completion of English activity in homework book. (15mins)



Reading Challenge

5 x= Green; 2/3/4= Yellow; 0/1= Red

Seesaw

Seesaw is an app we use to track your child's learning and progress throughout the year. We will send out additional information on how you can view your children's work as well as how to use this app to share WOW moments from home with us in school



X (Twitter) Pages

Each class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are working. Please follow us to keep updated!

@GatesDoves
 @GatesKingfishers
 @GatesEagles

