



Autumn 2 LKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! The children have been really settled this week and enjoyed an excellent first week back after half term. As always, this half term promises to be a particularly exciting one for children. There will be lots of fun activities to partake in and lots of learning to be done. Please find an outline of this half term's learning below.

Geography:

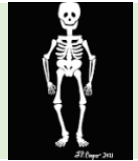
In Geography we will be conducting a local study based on what we can see outside our windows. We will be learning to describe where Westhoughton is in relation to the rest of the world; describing and understanding the human and physical geography of Westhoughton and describing geographical features, processes (changes), and patterns.

DT:

This half term in DT, we will focus on designing, making, and evaluating Wartime pies. We'll begin by different recipes that were popular during the War and look at the reasoning behind this. Children will then taste a variety of foods and experiment with different recipes. Drawing inspiration from these recipes, each child will design their pie, incorporating their own unique ideas. In the final weeks, they will create, cook and evaluate their pies.

Science:

In Science this half term, we are learning about animals, including humans. We will be learning about what nutrition animals need to survive and stay healthy, that plants make their own food, to learn about different skeletons that animals have as well as how muscles and bones work together to create movement.



PE: During outdoor PE, the children will be working on 'Tactics and Strategies' which can be applied throughout the year. We will also continue to take part in our daily mile time.

PE days:

Woodpeckers: Wednesday and Friday
Swallows:
Starlings: Tuesday and Thursday

RE:

In RE this half term we will be focussing on Christianity. Our key question this half term is 'What is it like to follow God?' We will be learning about the biblical story of Noah and how God used Noah to restore the relationship between God and humans. In addition to this, we will be learning about covenants and applying this learning to Christian weddings.



PSHE:

The children will be continuing their learning on relationships this half term. They will look at relationships wider than their families and discuss personal boundaries. We will look at hurtful behaviour and the impact this has on people and also how we can be respectful of others.



Computing:

In Digital Literacy this half term, we will be focussing on the key skills we use in Computing. We will use Microsoft Excel, Word and Scratch alongside games to improve touch-typing.



French:

The children will learn to follow classroom instructions, such as standing up and opening their books. They will also practise greetings and learn the different colours.



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.



Home Learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn times tables
- Create one example from the half termly project list



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 Reading: Please ensure that your child reads 5 times a week

Reading Challenge

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



If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!

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!



@GatesWoodpecker
@GatesStarlings

Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

@GatesSwallows



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.