



Autumn 2 Doves Year 4 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:

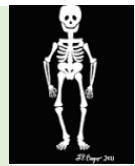
In Geography we will be conducting a local study based on what we can see outside our windows. We will be learning to describe where Westhoughton is in relation to the rest of the world; describing and understanding the human and physical geography of Westhoughton and describing geographical features, 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: Tactics & Strategies/Gymnastics.

During outdoor PE, the children will be working on 'Tactics and Strategies' which can be applied throughout the year. During their indoor lesson, they will be working on developing their Gymnastics knowledge.

PE days:

Doves: Wednesday & Friday

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:

This half term children will be continuing their learning about relationships. In addition to this they will be considering stereotypes and learning how to challenge these, presenting their outcomes as a podcast for the school radio.

Computing:

In Computing, we are focusing on Digital Literacy. We will use Microsoft Excel to create our own databases and graph whilst learning how to use animations and transitions on Microsoft Powerpoint. This will all help us to use technology purposefully to create, organise and store digital content.

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.



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 timetables 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
@GatesWoodpecker

