



Dear Parents/Carers,

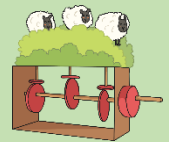
We hope you had a wonderful half term break. It has been great to welcome everyone back, and we are excited for the fantastic learning ahead this half term. From exploring new topics in science and history to developing key skills in maths and English, there's plenty to look forward to, including lots of Easter themed activities. We can't wait to see the children engage with their learning and make great progress this term!

Geography:

Having studied the features of rivers and some local rivers in the previous half term, the children are now broadening their investigation to look at rivers in the wider world. Children will look at identifying the location of major rivers around the world using different maps. Pupils will conduct a case study about a river of their choice, looking at the human and physical geography along its path. Children will be given the opportunity to use compasses outside.

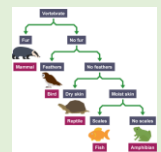
DT: Mechanisms

This half term the focus of our learning is mechanisms. We will be exploring different methods of joining materials, developing our understanding and skills of CAMS whilst designing a moving animal toy, suitable for an animal exhibition.



Science:

This term in Science, we're diving deeper into the fascinating world of classification! Our young scientists will step into the shoes of real taxonomists—sorting, grouping, and identifying living things using classification keys, and even creating their own! As we explore the incredible diversity of plants and animals, we'll also uncover the story of Carl Linnaeus, the brilliant scientist whose work still shapes how we classify life today. Get ready for a journey of discovery!



PE:

Our Outdoor PE Unit this half term is Attack and Defend and our Indoor Unit is Gymnastics.

PE days:

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

Eagles PE day has changed from Wednesday to Thursday this term.

RE: Judaism

This half term, we will be discovering more about the Jewish community in the UK and our local area. We'll dive into some key Jewish laws, with a special focus on kosher foods—what they are and why they matter. We'll also compare Judaism and Christianity, uncovering both similarities and differences between the two faiths. To bring our learning to life, we'll explore the unique features of synagogues and their importance in Jewish worship. It's going to be an exciting and insightful journey into this rich and vibrant religion!



PSHE:

In PSHE, we will continue our learning on the wider world. Children will learn about workplace stereotypes and how aspirations should not be limited by them. They will then explore jobs that match their skills and discover different paths to reach their career goals.



Computing:

In Computing, we will be continuing our learning on Computer Science. Children will apply key skills like sequencing, selection, and repetition as they expand their knowledge of Crumbles. They will learn to light up sparkles, use switches, and create patterns and sequences with exciting new equipment.



French:

This half term, children will learn to introduce themselves by saying their name and age, and use greetings like "hello" and "goodbye." They will also ask and answer questions about how someone is feeling, say where they live, and share their nationality. Additionally, they will learn the days of the week and the months of the year.



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)
- Create one example from the half termly project list



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

