

Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

Red Kite Class

We hope you have had a lovely summer! We are so excited to welcome everybody back. We hope you are as excited as we are to get started. This year we have some really interesting topics we will be covering.

Literacy

Our Writing units in the first half term will focus around entertaining our reader. We will begin by studying poetry and writing our own poems using free verse, tankas and cinquans. We will then begin to write a biography based on Tutankhamun s we inform our reader. Linked to our history we will then write a non-chronological report about the Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece. Our final unit for the term will be writing a set of instructions on how to defeat a Minotaur.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be focusing on place value. We will look at recognising the place value in 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers. We will even begin to think about Roman numerals.

We will be revisiting efficient written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using these to solve multi step problems.

The children will expected to use TT rockstars to practise their times table knowledge we will work weekly on this in school.

Reading

In Reading this term we will be reading 'The Boy Who Biked The World' by Alastair Humphreys. We will be studying the characters and plotline in depth and use our VIPERS skills to discuss the book.

V = Vocab, I = Inference, P = Predict, E= Explain, R = Retrieval, S = Summarise

The children will also complete a stand-alone reading comprehension lesson once per week.

Children will continue to earn merits and rewards for reading. Every Friday they will have the chance to appear on our reading board. Please remember any book they are reading counts!

Bronze = 3 reads per week

Silver = 4 reads per week

Gold = 5 reads per week

Platinum = 7 reads per week

The children are expected to sign their reading record each night when they read and hand it in each morning.

Science

In Science this term, we will be learning all about sound. We will be learning that sounds are vibrations that travel through the air. The children will be able to experiment with high and low sounds, thinking about how we can change the pitch. After the October half term, we will start to learn about electricity. We will be leaning all about circuits and how electricity flows through them. The children will be able to compete their own circuits and understand what happens if the circuit is not complete.

Music

In our music lessons this half term we will be; identifying instruments, identifying key features, select and combine to create texture, write melody & lyrics, compose to represent a theme and perform in unison.

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RE

Our focus for Autumn term 1 will be, 'What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?' the children will be able to identify and explain Jewish beliefs about God, give examples of some texts that say what God is like and explain how Jewish people interpret them. We will also look at links to the Christian faith. The children will then focus on the deeper meaning of festivals. We will learn about the main beliefs at the heart of religious festivals, make links between these beliefs and the stories recalled at the festivals and make connections between stories, teachings, symbols and how believers celebrate these festivals.

History

In this unit of work, we will be discovering how life was in ancient civilisations. We will predominantly focus on Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt. The children will learn why these civilisations are so important and think about the impact they had upon Great Britain. We will think about chronology and the order of events. The children will compare the civilisations and understand the strengths and weaknesses of them.

PE

This term our PE days are Wednesday and Friday and so the children will need to ensure they have the correct equipment in school on these days. Our units of work for Autumn term 1 are rounders and Basketball. During Autumn term 2 we will be studying fundamentals and gymnastics.

Computing

Our computing lessons this term will focus around 3-d design and then focusing on interpreting data in our data handling unit.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons this term are focusing around managing relationships and understanding and being accepting of the differences we all have.

Art

In Art this term, we are going to be learning all about prehistoric paintings. We will be creating a cave wall surface, learn to paint on rough surfaces and create a negative and positive image.

DT

In DT this term we are going to be designing and making an electric poster. We will look at what appeals to consumers and try to incorporate this into our designs, whilst fitting an electrical component.