



What is my child learning next half term?

Literacy

In Literacy, all of the classes will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts based around the topic of the Roman civilization. They will use this to develop their reading comprehension skills- focussing on developing vocabulary.

Writing opportunities will be provided in the form of stories and diaries in fiction and information texts for non-fiction. For example, the children will be writing a first person recount from the point of view of an Ancient Briton ambushing a consort of the Roman army. This will be supported by reading the text 'Roman Invasion, My Story' which tells the story of Bran, a prince of the Carvetii tribe, is captured by the Romans.

Each group will continue to work on spelling strategies, developing the use of academic language whilst also developing their speaking and listening skills.

PSHCE

The topic next half term is 'Keeping Safe and Managing Risk'. Pupils will learn about how they can keep themselves safe when they are out and about in their local community, walking to and from school etc and how to see potential risks. We will also discuss how we can recognise and respond to peer pressure and who they can ask for help to support them.

History and a School Trip

In History, we are going to travel back to Roman Britain and explore why Britain was invaded and settled by the Romans and what effects this had on the future of Britain.

To further enhance the children's knowledge, we will be visiting the Yorkshire Museum in York to learn about the Roman Empire. The children will take part in a workshop where they will dress as Romans and then, through handling real artefacts and taking part in hands on activities, the pupils will investigate the lives of six characters who lived in Roman York.

Science

The children will be learning about forces in action for the science topic this half term. They will learn about the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. They will also be able to recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

PE (Physical Education)

The children will be learning the basics of gymnastics. They will look at creating routines which involve a variety of movements as well as working cooperatively to create a final synchronised performance piece which they will showcase to their peers.

RE and Collective Worship

In RE next half term, we will be considering the question, "Was Jesus the Messiah?" We will be considering the promises made to God's people about a 'rescuer' and learning about how Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these promises.



In Collective Worship, we will be continuing reflect on the story of the Bible using the artwork in the school hall. We will also be thinking about the Christmas story and how the story of Christmas is good news for the world.

Maths

Mrs Cook's maths group will be working hard to maintain their times tables knowledge whilst developing their rapid recall of multiplication facts up to the 12 times table.

The children will be continuing to use the written methods for multiplication as well as revisiting the long division methods. They will look at 2D and 3D shapes, identifying faces and edges as well as answering word problems involving the properties of shape. They will be working on improper fractions and equivalent fractions as well as developing problem solving skills.

The children working with Mr Jones will focus on developing an understanding of fractions. They will look at how to add and subtract fractions, find fractions of amounts and revise how to simplify fractions. Basic skills, such as multiplication and division facts, will be rehearsed regularly to increase speed and accuracy. They will revise the features and names of 2D and 3D shapes, identifying faces and edges as well as answering word problems involving the properties of shape. There will also be a continued focus on developing logical reasoning skills.

In Mr Lillywhite's maths group, the children will be exploring the properties of 3-D shapes, looking at nets of cubes, cuboids and 3-D shapes with triangular faces. They will be working on their arithmetic skills, focussing on using all of their written methods to accurately answer word problems. They will also study the use of coordinates, plotting shapes in four quadrants and using coordinates to reflect shapes. Logical reasoning skills will be a large focus for the half term as the children will be shown a variety of strategies they can adopt in order to help them to work systematically.

Spanish

Next half term, the children will be learning about sea animals.
(Octopus – *un pulpo*, Shark – *un tiburón*, whale - *una ballena*, stingray – *una manta raya* , sea turtle – *una tortuga marina*, sea horse – *un caballo de mar*.

Finally, they will be learning and preparing our now traditional Spanish song for the Christmas service.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

If you have any comments or suggestions for future newsletters, please let me know.

Thanks again,
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