



Hello and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a well-deserved break over the holidays. The children have come back to school with fantastic "ready to learn" attitudes and are continuing to show they are smart, mature pupils. This week the children have been introduced to some of our new topics for the term (Mighty Mountains and Digestion). We cannot wait to dive deeper and explore these subjects to build our knowledge and investigate interesting facts!



RE

During the Spring term, we will be exploring the themes: **Local Church, Eucharist and Lent**. In our first topic Community, we will be focusing on the local church and how we take part in communities. We will explore how this links to Jesus, God and how we live our lives. When we learn about the Eucharist we will focus our attention on giving and receiving. After half term we will begin to learn about Lent where our focus will be self-discipline. Further in to the term we will focus on the Pentecost and new life.



English

Our first writing unit links to our topic of Mighty Mountains and we will first learn the different skills in order to help us write a newspaper report. With inspiration from our topic we will learn to write an effective setting and character description as part of writing a narrative. We will use our new knowledge of mountains to write a diary entry. Later in the term we will move on to learning how to write instructions and advertisements. We will then use one of our class reads to help us write some descriptive narrative based on our Traders & Raiders topic.



The children need to bring their reading book to school everyday.

It is important children are reading every day at home and that all children read aloud regularly to an adult. Even the most fluent readers benefit from the experience of sharing stories and information with others. Please can parents listen to their child read with their children and write in their reading record to confirm this.

Maths

In maths, we have started to build our knowledge of Multiplication and Division. We have started with basic skills like our times tables. (Please continue to practice using Times Table Rockstars at home). As we become more confident we will learn to times and divide by bigger numbers. When we are confident we will begin to apply this knowledge to other areas of Maths such as area and Fractions. Later in the term we will use our Place Value knowledge to help us with our decimals and apply this to questions containing money. Children should continue to practice their Times Tables regularly to help them recall facts across a range of concepts. To support this in school, we will practice arithmetic skills daily.



Science

In science this term, the children will be investigating two very interesting topics. First, we will start with Animals Including Humans where we will focus on the parts and functions of the human body. Our second Science Topic will be States of Matter where the children will explore the difference between solids, liquids and gasses.

Topic

Our first topic this term has a strong Geography focus and is Mighty Mountains. We will learn about the features of a mountain, locate them on maps and find them on grids. In addition, we will investigate the different explorers who climbed the worlds tallest mountain. In the second half of the term we will be answering the question; Is it better to fight or fall? We will look at the different traders and raiders by focusing on Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

Not forgetting...

During French the children will be learning descriptive language in order to describe people, their clothes and personalities. Once we have learnt these, we will move on to learning numbers, dates and the weather.

In Music we will be continue with our Liturgical that started shortly before advent and the children will be practicing singing songs for events leading up to Easter. During Music lessons in class the children will also be completing a singing unit. This unit will start by listening and appraising songs before building on the knowledge and understanding of the dimensions of music. Later in the term the children will have a steel pan workshop as part of their music curriculum.

PE

In the first half of the term the children will be building on their skills in tag rugby by learning the different passes and scoring points. These skills will allow the children to take part in a game of tag rugby. The children will be learning, adapting and building their skills in basketball. Later in the term, Year 4 will learn the skills and rules needed to play tennis and cricket. This term PE will be on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers/plimssoles (plain tracksuit tops are useful if the weather is cold).

Computing

This term we will continue to build and apply our knowledge of Internet Safety when searching and using the internet. We will learn computing systems and their networks before moving on to coding and programming.

Homework

Homework will be **posted on Google Classroom each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.** It will include:

- Spellings to learn for a test in school the following Friday
- A set of maths questions
- A set of grammar and punctuation questions
- Timetables practice

Answers will be posted too for self/parent marking. Our homework will concentrate on building confidence and extending ability across key curriculum areas.

If you can not access Google Classroom please speak to Miss Thompson.

Meet the Team:

Miss Thompson - Class Teacher
Mrs Laden – Teaching Assistant
Mrs Dismore - Teaching Assistant
Mrs White – Teaching French, PSHE and Music

Here to help!

Please contact us at school (by phone or email) if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay in touch - You will see how the children are doing as we send regular updates through the Marvellous Me App.



