

**Class 7
Year 4/5
Curriculum Newsletter**

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Learning Behaviours

To encourage our children to continue developing the right attitude towards learning there are systems in place including rewards and sanctions. We always aim to focus on praising the positive behaviour demonstrated.

Our dojo system is an effective method of promoting positive behaviour. We have also introduced a traffic light system to encourage 'green behaviour'. Children who display positive behaviour will remain on green. If inappropriate behaviour is shown, a warning is given. If the child does not make the right choice, their name will be moved to amber. Should the child immediately improve his/her behaviour and follow instructions given by an adult, their name is moved back up to

green. Any more serious incidents will result in their name being moved straight to red. Any child who stays on green all week will result in a message sent to parents with the good news.

Maths

During this term the children will be finishing 'decimals' and will briefly look at percentages. We will then be covering: money, time, statistics and properties of shapes.

Each week children will have opportunity to develop their number fluency, reasoning and problem solving. They will be challenged to apply their mathematical knowledge at their own level.

They will also take part in daily times table practice sheets and once weekly will complete a 10 minute practice arithmetic/problem solving test.

Scientific and technological understanding

This half term, pupils will be studying the unit of work entitled 'Animals including humans and Animals and their habitats.

They will take part in investigations throughout both topics and will have the opportunity to develop their evaluating skills after an investigation is complete.

Family Learning Session

At the moment these are on hold and we do appreciate your support and understanding in this matter. As the situation moves on, we will use government guidance, only inviting you to work in school with your child once it has been deemed safe to do so.

History and Geography

Children will be studying Transport. They will be locating counties, cities, canals and rivers within the UK. We will be using OS maps to look at the geographical features specifically in Sheffield. We will be comparing and contrasting transport from the past, to transport now. We will also make predictions about transport of the future.

More locally they will be looking at the impact which transport had on Mexborough and the surrounding areas. We will discuss why the canals/train stations were chosen to be built where they are.

Art and design

Again, linked to our topic, children will be using different mediums: sketching pencils, paints, water colours and clay to create artistic work with their own interpretation and creative slant. We will be building our own modes of transport out of recycled material.

We will look at artists such as Claude Monet and Van Gough who have many pieces of art linking to transport.

Linking to our science, the children will be designing a suitable habitat for a chosen animal.

PSHE

Our Jigsaw topic this half term will be: Relationships. This will focus on keeping relationships healthy and how different types of relationships have different impacts on our lives.

During Summer 2 our topic will be 'Changing Me.' In this topic we will be discussing how their bodies

have changed and will change. If you would like an overview of the lessons during this topic or any additional information on this, please don't hesitate to ask and a copy of our 'Relationships and Sex Education' policy can be found on the website.

Religious Education

Over the year children study Christianity and one other major world faith. This half term we will be looking at Judaism and how Jews show their commitment to God.

Contacting school

If you need to talk to me, please see me at the end of a school day. If you are unable to do this, you can phone the school office after 3:15pm. If I am not available, I will endeavour to ring you back at the earliest opportunity.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Transport'. This will encompass a lot both in terms of History and Geography— we will look at the counties, cities, canals and rivers in the UK. We will be looking at how transport has changed over the years and how Mexborough and the surrounding areas transported goods.

Our book will be 'Around the World in 80 Days.'

English Fiction

Children will have the opportunity to write a persuasive leaflet, encouraging their audience to visit holiday destinations from our book 'Around the World in 80 Days', they will be writing a historical narrative about how the canals were built and will be creating an advertisement about the steam engine.

English work will be linked to our topic helping the children to deepen their understanding. As a school, we feel that if they can be encouraged to write creatively it will help them to understand the characters in the story and their motivation behind the words they speak and the actions they carry out. Children will continue to develop their use of thesauruses to help extend their vocabulary.

In reading children will be developing their comprehension skills involving looking at different types of questions and what skills are required to answer them as well as entering discussion based on our class novel.

We will also have a 'spare time' reading book which the children will listen to and have the opportunity to answer questions about whilst also practicing their echo reading.

Non-Fiction

Pupils will be studying different elements of SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) which they will embed into their independent writing. The children will be developing their skills of reading for information during both reading and topic lessons.

Homework

Homework is given out to all children on a Friday and will need to be handed in by the following Friday. Creative homework linked to our topic will be set each half term (see separate menu).

Please can your child also read at home at least three times a week and make sure they bring their reading diary each day to school with them. The reading challenge will continue this year.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday for your child to learn ready for a test on the following Friday.

School times.

During this current time, Class 7 will begin their day at 8:55am. You are welcome to stand with your child in the square to the right nearest the school gate if you arrive a bit early. At 8:55am, your child will make their way down to the next square towards the school where one of the adults in class will be waiting for them.

Home time pick up is at 3:10pm. You are welcome to wait in the same square, on the right nearest the gates. The children will stand in the square furthest from the school. Once we see you, your child will be free to join you. If your child walks home alone, they can leave at 3:10pm. If you need to speak to Miss Johnson, simply wait until the other children have left.

*** Reminders ***

PE

For the foreseeable future, we will have PE slots on Tuesday and Wednesday. Although, there is time allotted for the children to have some physical exercise most days, so it would be helpful if they could bring their PE kit on Monday, and take it back home Friday.

The correct PE kit of white t-shirt and black shorts is expected along with appropriate footwear.

All children must have appropriate PE kit and should not wear any jewellery including earrings.

If you need to have a word with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment after school when they will be happy to discuss your questions or concerns.