

**Our topic for this half term is Science and Geography based.**

The Geography topic is learning to use Geographical skills such as map and atlas work to help us understand the countries in and cities in the United Kingdom.

The Science topic is all about Electricity which will link to our English lessons.

### **English**

Pupils will be studying different elements of GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling). This will help to raise the level of their writing. The children will be developing their comprehension skills of reading for information during guided reading.

They also have access to a wide range of non-fiction books from our class reading corner for quiet reading and independent topic research. Children will develop their use of dictionaries and thesauruses to help extend their vocabulary.

### **English Fiction**

Our class text this half-term is 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. Children will have the opportunity to write about the actions and feelings of story characters. We will focus on the use of prefixes and suffixes to extend the vocabulary used as well as introducing a wider range of conjunctions and prepositions to extend sentences.

### **Non-Fiction**

The children will be writing with a range of non-fiction texts, such as instructions, information booklets, recounts and non-chronological reports linked to the Science, Religious Education and Geography topics. This will involve personal research and using a range of fact based language and layouts.

### **Mathematics**

We will continue with the new planning and resourcing scheme this year that follows 'Mathematics Mastery'. This half-term will begin by looking at interpreting and presenting data, then move onto securing multiplication facts, with a focus on rapid recall of facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . We will then work on fractions, looking at families of equivalent fractions; solving problems with increasingly harder fractions and adding or subtracting fractions totalling more than 1 whole. We will also look at time, solving problems, converting between units of measure, and recognising the time on analogue as well as 12 and 24 hour digital clocks. Each week children will have opportunity to develop their number fluency, reasoning and problem solving as well as practise their times tables.

### **Science**

This term we will be studying a topic called 'How could we cope for one day without electricity?' This topic explores the importance of electricity to modern day life, identifying appliances that use it to function, as well as how this power source is made and delivered to our homes and businesses. The children will learn the names and functions of different parts of an electrical circuit. We will explore how to make a bulb get brighter by making changes to the circuit and learn how to include additional features, such as a buzzer or motor.

In our Art and Design lessons we will make a game that uses the electrical circuits to work. We will link this to our Geography topic. We will also use reclaimed materials (cardboard boxes and other resources) to design and make a variety of buildings that would be found in a city, such as school, hospital, blocks of flats etc. These will be put together as part of a whole class project, to create a miniature city.

### **History and Geography**

Our humanities focus this half-term is Geography. We will be learning about the countries and cities that make up the U.K. and Europe. This will include map and atlas work as well as interactive games and information from personal experiences.

### **PSHE**

This half-term's Jigsaw topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be exploring our hopes and fears for our future and looking at what types of jobs will be open to us and how we can work hard towards our dream job.

### **Religious Education**

To link with the PSHE Jigsaw programme, we will be following the 'Discovery R.E.' scheme. Each year group will study Christianity and another World Faith throughout the year. Our theme this half-term is Judaism, with a focus on the Passover feast. We will learn the story of Moses and how he brought the Jews out of slavery in Egypt. We will explore how modern day Jews celebrate a centuries old tradition of the Passover meal, realising how important it is for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do.

### **Modern Foreign Languages (French)**

This term we will learn the names of family members and use language related to travel and weather. This will link with our Geography topic.

### **Family Learning Session**

Our Parent Workshops this half-term will be on a **WEDNESDAY** morning, with a focus on Spellings. These will be a mixture of games and activities that the children are familiar with, that you can do at home with them to help with spelling the common words needed in their writing. We are very grateful for your support in these sessions.

## PE kits

Each week your child will participate in two PE sessions, on a Wednesday and Thursday. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday, in preparation for their lessons. 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.

## School times.

The upper school doors open at 8:55am and close at 9am. The bell rings at 8:55 when the teachers meet the children in the playground. The children begin the day with morning activities that give them the opportunity to consolidate their learning in all areas of the curriculum. The end of the school is 3:15pm. Gates are opened at approximately 3:10pm.  
Morning session: 9am-12.15pm  
Afternoon session 1.15pm-3.15pm

## Homework

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

Please can your child also read at home at least three times a week and make sure they bring their reading record and reading book to school each day.

Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Monday for your child to learn ready for a test on Friday.

## Visits

There are no visits planned for this half-term.

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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.

## Learning Behaviours

All children at our school have a right to learn and reach their full potential. 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 reward children who have behaved well all week and tried their best with golden time on a Friday afternoon. School cinema treats happen each term for those children who receive at least 70% positive dojos.



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**Class Teacher — Mrs Eager**