

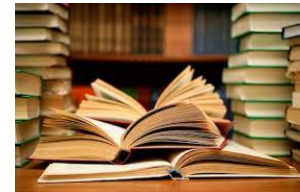
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term!



In RE we will be studying three themes these include: Books (where we will focus on the layout and importance of scripture), Thanksgiving (where we will develop our ability to appreciate the world and people around us) and Opportunities (where we will discuss how to make the most of each day).

To start our English topic we will be reading 'Look up' - a contemporary picture book which we will use to develop our inference and prediction skills. Children will be given spellings to learn each week and are expected to practise these at home ready for a test the following week. The children will continue with the Read, Write Inc. programme for phonics and will be put into practise groups according to the sounds they know. Please still talk to your children about their sounds and help them to blend words at home. Children will begin to learn about joining their letters during handwriting practise in school and should be encouraged at home to explain which letters are allowed to join and which shouldn't be joined. Children should be reading for at least 10 minutes a day at home with an adult and this should be recorded in planners for teachers to check.



In math lessons this term the children will begin by revisiting their knowledge of number, place value, addition, subtraction and properties of shape. This building of skills will allow children to broaden their knowledge and apply what they learnt last term to problem solving contexts. They will also be developing their understanding of multiplication, division and measurements. The children will also be beginning some new learning in maths this term about money, fractions and statistics.



Our topic for theme lessons this term is, 'Movers and Shakers', where the children will be learning all about influential inventors and figures throughout History and how they have impacted us today. We will also be exploring famous still life portraits and making our own portfolio of sketches.

In computing the children will be continuing to use Purple Mash to build their knowledge of coding by asking questions in code. They will also be learning how to share resources safely online and how to draw, create and edit pictures online using different applications.

The children will be continuing their Spanish learning this term with Mrs. Neal Gonzalez and will be continuing to learn how to count and name the colours.

In music the children will be learning to sing and accompany two songs this term, they are called: 'I wanna play in a band' and 'Zootime.' They will continue to develop their knowledge of different genres of music. To support at home you could speak to children about the lyrics to the songs they are singing in school.



In PE this term the children's main focus will be based on ball skills; throwing, catching, travelling and sending. The children will develop their gross and fine motor skills through this practise as well as their hand-eye coordination. There are also opportunities for children to attend a multi-skills club and a football club after school.

In PSHE the children will be using the Mind to be Kind framework to discuss the groups they belong to, how they can live with others without using harmful words and actions and how to show respect to others. This will mostly be discussion based work which gives children a safe space to share their thoughts and feelings.



This term in Science the children will be learning about animals including humans. The children will be learning about animal offspring and that some animals lay eggs whereas some give birth. The children will also be investigating life cycles of different animals and explaining the different stages of human life.

Please remember to check your child's Home-School Link Book each day and sign it weekly. Children should bring it into school every day without fail.

I look forward to a great term with you all!

Mrs. Hardwick