



Curriculum Newsletter

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Our PE Day is: Monday

Our homework: set on a Friday and due in the following Friday (this term the homework will be more focused and related to the work which has been completed in class). Children are asked to attempt as much as they can to highlight any gaps and difficulties. These can then be addressed within school.

Our Maths Award day is: Friday

Our Times Tables are tested on: Friday

Our Spellings are tested on: Thursday

Diaries are checked by an adult in Panther Class on a Monday morning. Other notes that are needed please feel free to email or write a note in your child's diary and ask them to show the relevant adult.

Once dismissed, children in year 5 and 6 are given the independence to find their parents on the playground or make their own way home.

Literacy: Our text this term is *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* by Michael Morpurgo. This will be used as a stimulus for our written work. We will be examining the characters within the text and how their actions portray their feelings towards each other. We will be writing diaries and letters from the perspectives of different characters.

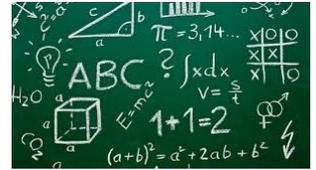
The second half term we will move on to look at newspaper reports and non-chronological reports. We will use the world biomes as our context for the writing here.

Our grammar, punctuation and spelling lessons are taught in a weekly stand alone lesson. Topics we will be covering include: the different types of determiners, expanded noun phrases, verbs with prefixes, verbs with suffixes, use of language within sentences and a number of skills sessions related to the use of more technical punctuation.

Maths:

This term our work will continue to develop written methods in add, take away, times and divide. We will also have our sessions where the children can be tested on their mental maths targets.

Other maths this term will have a focus of Geometry - properties of shapes (2d and 3d), angles, calculations - fractions, decimals and percentages and statistics.



Science:

The children this half term will be studying materials and their properties. We will ask the children what they think this topic is about and come up with some vocabulary associated with 'properties and changing materials'. We will also compare and group everyday materials based on their properties, electrical conductivity etc. We will then learn about dissolving and mixing different materials. Next half term our focus is working scientifically and we will use a range of scientific resources to enhance the children's ability to use different equipment.

Physical Education: This term will focus on gymnastics and developing rolling, hanging, control, balance and coordination skills. We will also look at Outdoor Adventurous Activities: children will develop their orienteering skills.

Please ensure your child has an outdoor P.E. kit for this term as some lessons will take place outside. Hair should be tied back for P.E. and no jewellery is permitted to be worn.

In addition to this, we have our swimming sessions on a Wednesday morning in the first half term. Please ensure your child has a coat on to walk up to Halstead leisure center. (We will walk whatever the weather.)

Geography: We will be studying world environmental regions with a focus of 'Biomes'. We will be looking at the characteristics of biomes on the Earth today, recognize the relationships of organisms to their environments and understand the effect of humans on the land.

Music: We will be studying Pop Ballads in music this term with the opportunity for performance and composition.



Modern Foreign Languages: This term in French we will begin by learning a song about the body to consolidate our learning from autumn term.

We will then focus on our new topic 'La nourriture' whereby we will complete some speaking, listening and writing activities about different foods. We will also be researching traditional french food and tasting some later on in the term.

Art and Design Technology: We will be sketching the landscapes of the biomes we are studying using a range of media. We will use paint, chalk, charcoal and create collages.



Computing:

We will be:

- Programming games using a range on online tools and physical devices.
- Collecting information using data loggers and presenting it digitally.
- Working with and manipulating online simulations.
- Using Logo to create more complex programming actions.
- Cover e-safety issues relevant to the topics covered.

RE: We will be looking Sacred writings in different religions. We will be focusing on:

- Christianity - The Bible*
- Buddhism - The Sutras*
- Islam - The Quran & Hadith*
- Judaism - The Torah, Mishnah, Talmud & Midrash*
- Sikhism - Guru Granth Sahib*
- Hindusim - The Vedasat*