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Curriculum letter - Baboons

The new term has got underway and the children are settling back into their routines and lessons very well. This term our main topic will be:

- **The British Bulldog and The Battle of Britain**

Over the coming term we will be learning about:

Maths

Children will be strengthening their knowledge of place value by adding and subtracting decimal numbers. They will be solving problems to do with money and will build their skills in mental and written methods of multiplication and division. Also they will be learning about the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages; and later, multiplying and dividing fractions. They will also be learning about algebra.

English

The children will be learning the names and meanings of a wide range of grammatical terms and skills needed to enhance their writing. They will practice these skills when writing a biography of Winston Churchill, instructions, story writing and descriptive writing; including dialogue. We will also be looking at classic poetry such as The Walrus and the Carpenter.

Science

Animals and Humans

Over the next 12 weeks the children will be learning about the human body and comparing it to animals. They will learn about the heart, circulatory systems, gaseous systems, the lungs, blood, effect of exercise on pulse rate and keeping our bodies healthy.

History

The history topic this term will be Winston Churchill and World War 2. This unit will cover historical people and events of this time including the Battle of Britain and The Blitz. They will also learn about the causes, impact and changes to Britain as a result. The children will also have a chance to see and learn about a variety of historical artefacts.

Geography

Our geography unit this term is based on geographical knowledge. The children will be naming and locating: cities in the UK, countries and geographical regions, using an atlas. They will also learn about the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern/Southern Hemisphere and the Arctic/Antarctic circles. The unit covers human and physical features of various locations and the changes to them over time.

Computing

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This term the children will be learning about radio broadcasts and creating some of their own. As well as this, the children will be using their knowledge of coding to create a game based on The Battle of Britain in small groups.

Design and Technology/Art

In DT lessons children will be building an Anderson Shelter from wood. In Art lessons the children will be creating their own propaganda posters.

RE

In RE the children will be learning about various Christian religious buildings.

PE

This term the children will be learning how to play hockey during outdoor PE and also dance during indoor PE.

Homework

Homework will be given on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**, which will include a piece of Maths and English, related to the week's learning. Spellings will be given to the children on a **Friday** to be learned and tested on the following Friday. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

This term a **Homework Club** will be taking place during **Friday lunch times**. Children may come to homework club (after eating their lunch) to ask any questions about their homework or ask for support in completing it.

It is of enormous importance that the children read **every** day, for at least **30** minutes. We ask that you sign their reading record books **3** times a week. This is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's reading and let us know how you feel they are getting on. The children's reading records will be checked on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

The children should also be reading their **Bug Club books** online **weekly**.

We suggest discussing the books read with your child to help them develop a good understanding of what they are reading. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

PE is on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure make sure that your child's PE kit stays on their peg for the half term to avoid missing out on this excellent opportunity for healthy exercise.

I hope this will help you to understand all the activities and learning your child will be involved in this term. If you have any queries please make an appointment see me after school.

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