



Curriculum letter

Year 5

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful Christmas Holiday and hope you have a happy 2020 ahead.

The children are already stuck into their new topics!
The topics for spring term are as follows:

Spring term 1 - Anglo Saxons

Spring term 2 - Maps

During English and Maths this year, we will continue to reinforce all skills in greater depth and apply these skills in a variety of investigations.

Maths

Multiplication and division
Fractions
Decimals
Percentages
Investigations and problem solving

English

Narrative - Adventure stories
Non-Fiction - Information texts
Report writing
Instructions
Alongside weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar tasks.

Science

Earth and Space

The children have already shown how much they have enjoyed our first few lessons of Earth and Space. The topic includes focusing on: spherical bodies, the order of the planets, the geocentric vs heliocentric model, the movement of the moon and looking at why we have night and day.

Forces

In Spring 2, the children will be learning about Forces. They will be studying balanced and unbalanced forces, gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction.

Investigation skills- we will also look at the process of carrying out a scientific investigation, including prediction, methods, recording results and drawing conclusions.

Geography

In Spring 2, the children will be learning about Maps. They will learn how to use an atlas, how to use different symbols and keys on an ordnance survey map, understand compass points and grid references and eventually plan their own route using these tools.

History

The children will be studying the Anglo Saxon era. They will be focusing on Anglo Saxon culture, village life, the Gods and Goddesses and Anglo Saxon culture.

Art/D.T

We will be designing and creating our own Anglo Saxon villages focusing on all the different features that would be found in the village. The children will also be creating their own illuminated letters based on the style of the Anglo Saxons.

Computing

This term the children will be conducting a research project, using search engines and softwares for presentation purposes.

Children will also be using scratch in Spring 2, coding and using this knowledge to create games.

Music

We will be following our Charanga music scheme, where we will learn to play the recorder and investigate different genres of music.

RE

In Spring 1, the children will be learning about the Hindu religion. They will learn about their place of worship, Hindu stories and Gods and Goddesses.

In Spring 2 the children will be learning about Christianity and focusing on the Easter story.

PE

Swimming: Dachshunds will continue to attend their swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon for **Spring 1 ONLY**. After February half term, Giraffes will take over and attend their swimming lessons for the rest of the year.

In PE/Games both classes will be learning how to play football and cricket within their games lessons and gymnastics and dance within their PE lessons on a **Thursday and Friday**.

Homework

Homework will continue as normal with a piece of Maths and English related to the week's learning, and the week's spellings. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

As always, it is incredibly important that children read **every** day, with Big Club being used weekly at home. Reading books can now be changed every day when finished and books are chosen independently by the children. To aid children's comprehension, it is important adults listen and ask questions about the books. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

If you have any queries about our curriculum, school routines or your child's wellbeing please speak to your class teacher to make an appointment after school.

Mr Darbon, Dachshund Class
Miss Ghedia, Giraffe Class