



Literacy - The children have had a super settled start to the new term. We will once again be linking our work in Literacy to the work we are doing in topic so that the children can apply their knowledge across the curriculum. Our class texts "Clockwork", "The Sun King", "Warhorse" and "Archie's War" will be used in whole class reading and guided reading sessions. Our writing will come from both the class novel and the learning challenge topics of "Wonders of the World" and "WW1" this term. This will include explanation texts, persuasive travel writing, diary entries, poetry and information texts. To ensure that we produce our best writing, we will continue to focus on editing our work, so that the children are used to reading through and making sure it is of a high standard and having the skills to up level a piece of writing.



Maths - As we move closer towards SATs, our Year 6 classes will go through past papers more frequently, to become more familiar with the type of questions that they will come up against and practise test technique. Interventions will continue to support children who need a boost with their maths. Year 6 will also be looking at perimeter, fluency, area and formal calculations. In Year 5 we will focus on multiplication, division, area, scaling and calculating decimal fractions this term. We aim for children to show a depth of understanding when adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. The need to maintain and improve confidence in times tables remains high. As a result, children are encouraged to continue the great work that they have been doing with Times Tables Rockstars and "Hit The Button"



Learning Challenge Curriculum - Our learning challenge this term, for Year 5 and 6 is an exploration of The Wonders of the World and WW1. There will be a WW1 dress up day on Friday 24th February. More information to follow. We will start by becoming familiar with the continents of the world and their locations and then explore travel and tourism in our writing. We will move onto a much loved WW1 topic where children will be immersed in WW1 through Art, Literacy, Drama and History. We will be developing our sketching skills in Art, digital modelling in ICT, composition in Music and PE lessons promise to be as exciting as ever with a mixture of team and individual sports.



Science - We will continue to teach Science in blocks as the children enjoy being able to focus their learning and spend time exploring an area in depth in their topics. This term - to link with the wonders of the world- the children will be looking at various fossils, their formation, development and locations. Also looking at what we can learn from ancient fossils.



Well-being and behaviour - Maintaining high standards of behaviour is essential for our school and is given a high priority by all staff. Many areas of personal and social education are being accessed through our class text this term, which promotes respect and understanding of others. We will continue to use our restorative practices and circles to think about our school REACH aspirations, actions, and how they affect everyone in our class team and school community. We will use our behaviour chart to celebrate children's great behaviour choices and help them to make better choices when things go wrong. Celebration assembly and "Wow" work will continually be used weekly to celebrate our children's achievements.



Attendance- Please make sure your child is in school and ready to learn by 8:50 and that they are collected or leave promptly on an evening to ensure social distancing in the playground. If your child displays coronavirus symptoms please do not send them to school but contact us by telephone. Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day, and avoid taking holidays in term time as the children miss a lot of learning. If your child is unwell, please ring school on 01904 806655 before 8:40am and let us know. We will text you if we haven't heard from you by 9:30am to check your child is ok.



How can you support your child's learning? -Please help your child to practise and extend their learning by practising their spellings which will be tested on a Friday. Hearing your child read every day will have a huge impact on all areas of their learning. Can you please listen to your child read for at least 20 minutes every day and make a note in your reading journal. It is possible to access Times Table Rockstars and "Hit The Button" online, and regular use of this has been shown to improve the speed of retrieving these important number facts.



Things to remember each week - PE Days

Whales- Tuesday and Thursday
Sharks- Tuesday and Thursday
Otters- Thursday and Friday



Important dates for this term

24th Feb - World War One dress up day
Friday 3rd -March World Book Day 2023
16th March - Red Nose Day

