

Junior Summer Term Newsletter

I hope you all had a good Easter break, despite the weather. I am looking forward to the term ahead with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to get involved in.

English

The topic this term is 'Beneath Our Feet', focusing on mining from the Victorian times to the present day. The class novel is 'Street Child' by Bertie Doherty and this will be used to support a variety of different genres in writing, including non-chronological reports, diary entries and poetry. It will also allow children to make comparisons between the life of a Victorian Child and the life of an Evacuee. We will also be covering persuasive writing and an explanation text.

Grammar will be taught alongside writing and Read, Write, Inc will continue daily during English lessons. Spelling tests will be completed on a Friday and children will be revisiting spelling rules.

It is essential that children are reading 5 times a week at home and I would like to thank you for your continued support. Lots of great, new books have been purchased for your children to enjoy. Make sure you are at the top of the beanstalk so you have the chance to win.

Maths

At the beginning of this term, we will be revisiting topics that we have covered to ensure that children have gained a concrete understanding. There will be an emphasis on reasoning and problem solving to ensure the children know the method, and are able to explain and apply their mathematical knowledge. This will continue to develop with completing daily mental maths during Schofield and Sims.

Key skills will continue to be set for homework as this has shown to be effective in developing children's mental maths skills. Please encourage children to show working out, as this will help improve their accuracy.

Topic

In History this term, we will be carrying out a local study of the mining industry tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality and how this impacts today. Children will continue to develop their locational knowledge of countries and we will be focusing on naming and locating counties and cities of the United Kingdom to understand how some aspects have changed over time. Children will continue the work on levers, pulleys and gears. As part of the topic, children will be involved in a Victorian classroom, there will also be a school trip planned with the National Parks and a speaker from Sirius Minerals will be coming in to talk to the children about the current construction and development of the new mine.

Computing

This term, we will use Purple Mash, that has lots of different programmes to support children's learning across the curriculum. Every child has their own log-in. This will be used for learning across the curriculum. The focus this term using this software is to familiarise the children with email. C. They will also get the opportunity to develop their coding skills by creating their own games revising and recapping their knowledge of algorithms and decoding.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, the children will be learning about taking care of the environment, how they can reduce the amount of plastic they use and the effects it has on the environment.

Science

In science this term, children will be learning about plants and living things and their Habitats.

RE

In RE this term, children will be investigating different places to worship in Yorkshire.

French

In French, children will be continuing to develop their pronunciation of numbers and different parts of the body.

PE

This term, the children will be having swimming lessons every other Tuesday. At the start of the term, children will have PE with Mrs Woods concentrating on their athletic skills such as running and throwing. They will then have cricket lessons with Mike Stones.

Clubs

- SATs club will continue every Tuesday after school 3:30 till 4:30 until Tuesday 8th May.
- Running club
- FOLS Gardening, nature and wildlife club

Other

- Ensure PE kits are in school at all times
- Swimming will begin again this term on Tuesday 24th April, so please ensure your child has their swimming kits every other Tuesday.
- Make sure children have water bottles, sun cream is applied before school and they also have sun hats.

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