

Dates for the diary

Science Oxford Trip – 12th January 2022
Parent's Evening – TBC

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Core Value: Care – Kindness and Generosity

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English

Key Vocabulary; character, plot, similes, adverbials, adjectives, synonyms, precise verbs, dialogue.

This year, as a school, we are continuing to implement our new writing approach 'The Write Stuff'. The approach has helped the children to develop their writing by furthering their language, improving their vocabulary and building an excellent piece of work over time. This term we will be finishing our poetry topic 'Autumn is Here' and children will be doing their own independent writing. We will then move on to a new topic called 'The true story of the three little pigs'. Throughout this topic, the children will be building sentences to create their own story by exploring a traditional tale with a twist. They will also be learning new grammatical techniques such as personification and metaphors.

Geography

Key Vocabulary; Henley on Thames. County, Country, Survey, Evaluate, North, South, East, West, Study, Research, Field, Local Area

This term we will be learning about the place where we live: Henley on Thames. The children will be learning about where we live within the world and within the UK. We will be learning and understanding how Henley has changed over time. The children will also be designing and undertaking surveys within the local area and using evaluating skills to explain possible trends.

Year 4 Times Tables Check

In Year 4, the children do a times table check, where they are tested on times tables from 2s to 12s. We will be putting an emphasis on times tables this term but would really appreciate these being done as much as possible at home. Ideas: TT Rockstars, chanting, quick fire questions throughout the day.

Art/DT/French

This year the children will be able to learn a new language, develop their art skills and design and create products. Each class will have the opportunity to take part in these subjects, broadening their curriculum.

In Art this term, Pilkey class will be learning all about different painters and trying their hand at some painting of their own.

Coelho class will be making Ancient Egyptian masks out of paper mache, in DT.

Meanwhile, Cowell class will be challenging their linguistic skills in French.



Maths

Key Vocabulary; perimeter, length, compare, equivalent, metre, centimetre, millimetre. Longer, shorter, multiplication, division, divide, multiply

This term we will be recapping and learning about measuring and comparing length, converting units of measurement and calculating the perimeter. Also we will be reviewing times tables and division. We will be exploring a range of mathematical concepts and reasoning to give the children a variety of experiences.

Science

Key Vocabulary; forces, friction, surface, magnet, magnetic, non-magnetic, magnetic field, poles, repel, attract, pull, push, opposite, direction, movement, gravity, air resistance, water resistance, force meter, newton

We will explore what forces are and notice that some forces need contact between two objects. We will compare how things move on different surfaces by using a force meter and an object to pull with. Children will be challenged to pull the object with the force meter on different surfaces to see the force in Newtons needed to make the object move.

We will also explore how magnetic forces work and be able to identify magnetic materials. Finally, we will investigate uses for magnets.

Computing

Key Vocabulary; internet, browsing, safety, multimedia, presentation, digital citizenship.

This term, our computing topic is 'Developing Communication'. Children will learn about their place within the online world and will explore and make multimedia presentations.

PE Reminders:

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school each week on their PE days.

Cowell - Weds/ Thurs

Pilkey - Thurs/Fri.

Coelho - Mon/ Weds.

PSHE

Key Vocabulary; dream, ambition, goals, respect, obstacles, challenge, achieve, enthusiastic, motivated, responsible

In this term our PSHE topic is about 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will identify a dream /ambition that is important to them. They will learn how to manage the feelings of frustration that may arise when obstacles occur. Also children will learn how to face new learning challenges and work out the best ways to achieve them.

R.E.

Key Vocabulary; Miracles. Jesus. Christianity, Healing, Bible.

In RE this term we will be learning about Jesus' miracles. We will be looking at Bible stories and thinking about the impact of Jesus' miracles on the people he met. The children will also be thinking about how they would feel if they were to witness a miracle.