



Spring 2 UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been lovely to see everyone return. We are really looking forward to the new term and the exciting things we have planned.

Geography: The Water Cycle - Rivers and coasts

Having studied the features of rivers and some local rivers in the previous half term, the children are now broadening their investigation to look at rivers in the wider world. Starting with a case study of the River Nile, children will then independently research a world river of their choosing before presenting their findings to the class. After that, children will investigate coastal areas, including the different habitats and biomes found in tidal regions.

DT: Food – Soda bread

In this unit, children will be tasting a variety of breads. We will be looking at recipes of different breads to distinguish how certain ingredients can completely alter the texture, consistency and taste. From this, children will design their own soda bread, taking inspiration from other breads as well as adding their own unique twists before creating and baking their bread in the final few weeks.

Science:

In Science this term, we will continue our learning about the classification of living things. We will start by looking at some rather unusual invertebrates and classify them based on their key characteristics and with the use of classification keys. After this, we will take a trip back in time to millions of years ago and the age of the dinosaurs. We will use secondary sources to classify ornithischians, sauropods and theropods and learn more about our once dominant predecessors.



PE: This half term the children are developing their Sending & Receiving and Competitive skills through a range of sports including: basketball, netball & hockey.

PE days:

Doves: Monday and Friday
Kingfishers: Monday & Tuesday
Eagles: Thursday & Friday

RE: Judaism

Children will look at data and statistics to learn about the populations of Jewish people in the UK and our local area. We will focus on certain laws that Jewish people may follow, focusing on kosher foods. We will look at the similarities and differences between Judaism and Christianity, exploring how they may link in some ways. As well as this, children will look at the features of synagogues.



PSHE:

This half term plans to be very exciting for children as they look to their futures. They will look into what careers they may wish to follow when they're older and what they will need to do to make that happen. As well as this, children will learn about financial risk and how to be critical consumers.

Computing:

Computer Science and coding is the focus of this half term. The pupils will be learning about algorithms, programs and sequences. They will use their knowledge to write and debugging code on a variety of platforms and even creating interactive games and quizzes.

French:

We will read, write, listen to and say the French vocabulary for nationalities, greetings and numbers to 20. Masculine/feminine adjectival agreement will be introduced and we will continue to revise phonics.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home Learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practise spellings & x tables
- Complete one example from the half termly project list
- Tasks set in homework books

Reading Challenge

5 x= Green; 2/3/4= Yellow; 0/1= Red



Attendance

We are continuing to have a big push on our attendance across school, it is crucial for your children that they are in school every day in order to support them in reaching their full potential. We have seen a real improvement but need to continue with this to reach our whole school target of 96%.

%	Term 1 days lost	To Feb Half term	Term 2 days lost
100%	0	0	0
98%	1.5	2	2.5
97%	2	3	3.5
96%	2.5	4	5
95%	3.5	5	6
94%	4	6	7.5
93%	4.5	7	9
92%	5	7.5	10
91%	5.5	8	11
90%	6	9	12.5

Twitter Pages

Each class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are working. Please follow us to keep updated!

@GatesDoves
@GatesKingfishers
@GatesEagles



Seesaw is an app we use to track your child's learning and progress throughout the year. We will send out additional information on how you can view your children's work as well as how to use this app to share WOW moments from home with us in school.