



Summer 1

LKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed a lovely break over Easter and hope the children are feeling refreshed and ready for what promises to be a busy, but exciting half term ahead. Please find below information about the learning that the children will complete this half-term.

History:

In History this term, we are going to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will begin the unit by learning about the earliest civilizations (Ancient Sumer; The Indus Valley; The Shang Dynasty), who they were and what they did. Following on from this, we will explore chronology to help us identify when the Egyptians lived, comparing them to other ancient civilisations.



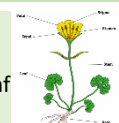
DT:

Within our DT textiles learning this term and leading up to our Enterprise week, we will be combining our History learning and that of the Ancient Egyptians to create an Egyptian themed purse. We will focus on the skills of stitching and threading to create unique and original designs for our purse that will hold loose change and will close with a fixing. We will design, make and evaluate our product, as well as market the item to sell during our 'Enterprise Day'.



Science:

In Science this half-term, we will study a new topic of 'Plants and their features'. We will explore the key parts of a plant, what makes plants grow, transpiration and how to keep plants healthy through soil investigation. We will explore what is harmful to plants and the key components needed for plant life and what role seed dispersal plays in reproduction.



PE: Orienteering-developing competitiveness, communication & collaboration. Basketball-applying the knowledge developed over the year, including: SAQ, attacking & defending, send & receive & tactics & strategies.

PE days:

Swallows: Tuesday & Wednesday

Woodpeckers: Wednesday and Thursday

Starlings: Wednesday & Thursday

RE: Christianity

Our key question this half term is 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' We will be learning about the biblical story of Jesus calling his first disciples and how Jesus' actions might influence the life of a Christian. In addition to this, we will be learning about local Christian events and how these help to create the world Jesus wanted.



PSHE:

The children will discuss health and wellbeing in order to gain a greater understanding of how to lead a good life. They will learn how to maintain a healthy lifestyle through a healthy diet, regular exercise and by ensuring they practice good habits.

Computing:

Within our Computing learning this term, we will study Information Technology and in particular, how the Internet works. We will study how to recognise safe internet sites, password safety and how to spot scam web pages, including adverts. Our topic will culminate with a newspaper article for our DT Egyptian purses that can be added to our Twitter pages!



Music:

The children will explore body percussion. They will develop their sense of rhythm and use body percussion, to compose a piece of music in the style of a canon – similar to Frere Jacques. The canons, Pease Pudding and London's Burning will be sung as songs and in canon form.



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.



Please can all children bring in an old shirt or t shirt (the bigger the better) that they can wear to protect their uniform during messy activities and Art.

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!

@GatesStarlings

@GatesWoodpeckers

@GatesSwallows

