



# Autumn 1

## KS1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over Summer - it has been wonderful to welcome the children into their new classes. They have settled in well and shown great enthusiasm towards their lessons. Please see below for the outline of what the children will be learning this half term:

### History:

This half term in History, we will be learning about Our School. We begin our topic by our school as it is now, what we have and what we are taught. We then the creation of our school and how Wingates and Four Gates amalgamated. We will learn to place these events on a timeline in chronological order. Finally, we will learn about the differences and similarities between our school now and schools in the past.



### Art:

In Art, we will be working on our drawing and sculpture skills. We will research the work of Hundertwasser as an architect and painter and begin to develop our evaluation skills to help us talk about his work. Then we will use our observational skills to look at the different lines and shapes that we can see in buildings so that we can draw our own. Next, we will develop our sculpture skills using the different techniques of joining and building. Finally, we will apply these skills to create our own building in the style of Hundertwasser.



### Science:

This half term in Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will learn focus on humans for this half term before we move on to different animals after the October holidays. We will start by looking at the human body and naming and labelling the different parts. Then we will learn about our different senses. We will use our scientific enquiry skills to investigate the how our senses work by smelling different objects and listening to sounds around us.



### PE:

In PE this term, we will develop the skills of balancing, running and jumping. During indoor PE we will start our gymnastics unit. We will also continue to take part in our daily mile time.

### PE days:

Puffins: Tuesday & Friday  
Robins: Monday & Wednesday  
Owls: Tuesday & Thursday

### RE:

Our enquiry question is 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?' We will begin by looking at different groups that we belong to and the different ways we show that we belong to them. We will start to learn about the Muslim faith and some of the beliefs that they have.



### PSHE:

In PSHE, this term's theme is relationships. Firstly, we will look and friendships and how we can be a good friend. Next, we will discuss how to resolve issues such as conflict and feeling lonely. Lastly, we will look at bullying and how we can be kind to each other



### Computing:

In Computing we are focusing on Digital Citizenship. We will be discussing how to communicate with people in a kind and considerate way; what information we should and shouldn't share online and ways in which we can keep ourselves safe online.



### Music:

This half term we will be focusing on one song: Hands, Feet, Heart - a song that celebrates South African Music. The children will listen to other South African songs; learn about the interrelated dimensions of music (through musical games, singing, playing instrument, improvising and composing) and perform the unit song.



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
- Practice spellings
- Maths Shed and 1 minute Maths
- Create one example from the half termly project list



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 Reading: **Please ensure that your child reads 5 times a week**

**Reading Challenge**

5 x= Green

2/3/4= Yellow

0/1= Red



If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!

Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

**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!



Puffins: @GatesPuffin

Robins: @GatesRobins

Owls: @Gates\_Owls



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.