



Autumn 1

LKS2 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:

In History this term, our unit is called 'Weavers at Work'. We will look at the local history relating to the cotton mills of Westhoughton and the surrounding area. We will learn about the working conditions of local people and children in particular, whilst working in the terrible conditions of some of these factories. We will continue then to find out more about significant people during the Victorian era and particular the Industrial Revolution of Britain, making comparisons between the 19th and 20th centuries, and how we live today.

Art:

Our Art Unit this half term is 'Sculpture'. We will be using inspiration from L.S Lowry; an artist famous for his oil paintings of industrial landscapes. We will study the work of Lowry to develop our own drawing style. We will look in-depth at the human form when drawing. We will then use knowledge and inspiration to manipulate and construct our own stickmen using clay.

Science: Science: This half terms topic is: Animals and Humans – Health and Nutrition. We are learning about the skeletal system! Can the children tell you yet how many bones there are in the human body yet? We will explore why animals have differing skeletal systems and why they differ from animal to animal. The children will also be able to explain how the muscles, joints and tendons work together after creating their very own Musculoskeletal System! (Please send any tinfoil, cling film or similar cardboard tubes our way!) After this, the children will learn more about why it is important to look after their bodies and how different food has different nutritional value. They will consider which foods fuel our bodies and why it is important to have a healthy balanced diet.



PE:

In PE we are learning about attacking and defending techniques and looking at contact sports such as rugby and football. We are also learning some new gymnastics techniques and learning all about how to hold our bodies and strong and steady in positions.

PE days:

Swallows: Thursday and Friday

Woodpeckers: Wednesday and Thursday

Starlings: Tuesday and Friday

RE:

Our Enquiry Question for this half term is 'Why is the 'Trinity' important to Christians. Our learning this half term is focussed on Christianity and what the Holy Trinity is; The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. We will be looking at how religious ceremonies such as baptisms incorporate the Holy Trinity in the service and the meaning behind some of the religious items used in a service.

PSHE: This half-term's topic is: Positive Friendships and Bullying. We will be exploring what makes a good friend and how we can foster positive relationships. We will also consider the difference between bullying and unkind behaviour.



Computing:

Our computing unit this half term is, 'Digital Citizenship' where we focus on what it means to be a good citizen online. We are learning about how to stay safe and alert and also how to correctly use the internet for appropriate purposes.

Music:



We are learning how to play glockenspiels this half term in music and looking at how to use the pulse of the song to play one, two, three and four beat notes. We are learning some key notation and practising singing within a group.

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



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Home Learning:

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



Reading Challenge

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

Attendance

We are continuing to have a our attendance across school, for your children that they are every day in order to support reaching their full potential. seen a real improvement but continue with this to reach our 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

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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!

@GatesWoodpecker
@GatesStarlings
@GatesSwallows

