



Autumn 2

LKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It is lovely to welcome you all back after the half term break. We are looking forward to starting a new half term which we predict will be full of lots of new learning and exciting new units. Here is some information about what we will be learning in the run up to the Christmas break.

Geography:

In Geography this term, we are learning about 'Cottonopolis' as an extension of our 'Weavers at Work' topic. We will look at the surrounding area through maps, trade routes and the link with Manchester, relating to the cotton industry of Westhoughton. We will learn about the impact upon the land that we see today, this industry had and make comparisons between the 19th and 20th centuries. We will examine how this affected local life, even today, bringing the benefits of transport and movement to the region. Culminating with examining what industrial archaeology remains in Westhoughton today.

DT:

Our DT unit this half term is 'Structures'. We will be working towards making a gift box by creating a cuboid net and designing this with the purpose of giving it to a friend or family member on Christmas Day.



Science:

In Science this half term we are learning all about rocks. We will explore different types and use their different properties to classify a range of different types. We will also identify where different rocks are found.

TYPES OF ROCKS					
IGNEOUS		SEDIMENTARY		METAMORPHIC	
					
Granite	Scoria	Sandstone	Limestone	Marble	Slate
					
Pumice	Obsidian	Shale	Conglomerate	Gypsum	Quartzite
					
					Gneiss

PE:

In PE this half term we will be developing our use of speed and control when changing direction and when using a variety of equipment. We will also be playing a variety of games, including Dodgeball. To help us we will practise our skills of throwing, catching, aiming and dodging.

PE days:

Swallows: Thursday and Friday

Woodpeckers: Wednesday and Thursday

Starlings: Tuesday and Friday

RE:

Our Enquiry Question for this half term is 'What do Hindus believe that God is like?'

This unit focuses on the concept of Brahman/God in Hinduism. We will be learning about the multiple Hindu Deities which represent different aspects of Brahman. We will also learn about Hindu worship and how beliefs impact the way people who follow Hinduism live.



PSHE:

In PSHE this half term we will be exploring different relationships. We will be exploring what makes a good friendship and what a healthy relationship with our friends looks like. We will look at the qualities that we may show in a relationship.



Computing:

In Computing this half term, we are developing our digital literacy skills by creating a range of digital informational texts using applications such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Powerpoint, Purple Mash and Scratch. Additionally, we are currently improving our typing speed using 2Type on Purple Mash.

French:

In French this half term, we will be learning numbers to 10. We will also be learning greetings such as my name is/how are you and classroom commands such as listen, open/close your books etc.



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

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!

@GatesWoodpecker

@GatesStarlings

@GatesSwallows

