



Spring 2 UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term, we hope that you all had a restful break. We are now into our second half of the Spring term and have lots more exciting learning planned for your child. This is the work that the children will be covering over the following term in UKS2:

Geography: This term in Geography, children will be learning all about South America and Brazil. The unit will start with a strong emphasis on map work and locational knowledge with children also learning how to use longitude and latitude. As well as this, they will learn about the different time zones in the world, and how some countries have different time zones within themselves. Children will also learn about the diverse landscape of Brazil and the different ecosystems and biomes that exist there. They will also study the different climates in Brazil, distinguishing between climate and weather, and draw their own climate graphs from data sets.



DT: This half-term the focus of our learning is mechanisms and electrical systems. Children will work towards creating a night light operated by light sensors. We will be looking at how Thomas Edison impacted the progression of light and evaluate products which are sensor related, all to help us to create our own prototype.



Science:

PE:

Our Outdoor PE Unit this half term is Attack and Defend and our Indoor Unit is Gymnastics.

PE days:

Doves: Wednesday & Friday

Kingfishers: Monday & Wednesday

Eagles: Monday & Friday

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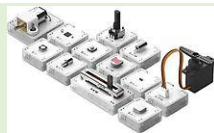
In Religious Education this term we will be working towards answering the question "What did Jesus do to save human beings?" At the start of the unit, we will recap the Easter Story to help us to understand the concept of 'Salvation' and what Christians believe Jesus sacrificed. Towards the end of the unit, we will make connections between Jesus and religious events such as Holy Communion before applying our learning to understand the impact of sacrifice.



PSHE:

We are continuing to learn about Living in the Wider World with the focus on money. This will include learning about different attitudes towards saving and spending; ways to keep money safe; about the risks involved in gambling and how money can impact on people's feelings and emotions.

Computing:



French: This term we will be developing our knowledge of vocabulary in the topic 'In the Tea Room'. The children will develop knowledge of the key vocabulary and apply these to conversations ordering different foods and drinks from a tea room.



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
- Learn times tables
- Create one example from the half termly project list



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!

@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.



Seesaw

Make everyone in the learning loop