



Spring 2 LKS2 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 LKS2:

Geography: This half term in Geography, we are looking closely at Westhoughton and the surrounding areas. We will be looking at how Westhoughton has changed over time and using our knowledge of maps to find local point of interest. We will be creating our own map of the school and taking part in an orienteering challenge.

DT: We are working towards creating a reading lamp by building a series circuit with a bulb and switch to create a natural light. We will be looking at how Nikola Tesla impacted electricity and light and designing a unique lamp linked to World Book Day

Science: Topic continued... 'Let there be light!' We will be exploring what light is and how it is created. Can your child tell you how light is created and how the dark is created? Do they know why the moon is not a light source? In this topic, we will also be discussing all things sun related including how to keep safe in warmer weather. We will also be exploring how shadows are formed creating some of our own shadow puppets!



PE:

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

PE days:

Swallows: Thursday & Friday

Woodpeckers: Wednesday & Thursday

Starlings: Tuesday and Friday

RE:

Our Enquiry Question for this half term is 'Why do Christian's call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?' In this unit we will learn about the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and reflect on the thoughts and feelings of people then, and how Christians feel about them now.



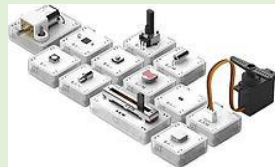
PSHE:

This half term is all about Community, Money and work! We will be considering our goals and targets for the future. We will understand the importance of Money and how we can be upstanding citizens.



Computing:

We will be continuing our Computer Science unit this half term. We have a really exciting opportunity to apply the coding knowledge gained so far to the SAMS Lab equipment from Bolton Schools ICT Department.



French:

The children will be introduced to the French phonics of ch, ou, on and oi. The new vocabulary will be for purchasing ice-creams and grammar will consist of the masculine and feminine versions of a/an.

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!

@GatesWoodpecker

@GatesStarlings

@GatesSwallows



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.