



Summer 1

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 first half of the Summer 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.

History: This unit will explore the invaders and settlers who helped shape Britain into the place it is today. Children will create a timeline of British settlers, stemming all the way back to the Iron Age. There will be a particular focus on the Romans, and children will investigate their everlasting impact on our island. As the unit progresses, we will look at why the Romans left and what they left behind...

DT: Our new DT unit for the Summer Term is all about food. The children will begin by researching the importance of healthy meals, making reference to the Eat well plate. After this, they will have the opportunity to research flavour combinations, taste the fruit and develop their cutting skills, safely and hygienically. Following on from this, they will design and make their own healthy Caribbean smoothie to be sold at Enterprise Day.



Science: Electricity: This half term's Science promises to be very exciting! Children will explore and create their own series circuits and will learn to represent simple circuits in diagrams using recognised symbols. There will be lots of time for experimenting, and working scientifically, with 'Fair Testing' and 'Identifying and Classifying' being the 2 main lines of enquiry followed. We will even create our own 'Human Circuit' and show how electrons flow through us! As well as this, children will devise their own questions and experiments exploring voltage and different numbers of components in their circuits.

PE: Orienteering and Competitive Sport. We will be learning about the rules and strategies involved in playing Handball.

PE days:

Doves: Wednesday & Friday

Kingfishers: Monday & Wednesday

Eagles: Monday & Friday

RE: Our enquiry question for this half term is, "What kind of king was Jesus?" This unit focuses on considering the type of king Jesus intended to be and the world he was seeking. Towards the end of the unit, we will make connections between Christian teachings of God's Kingdom to current issues, suggesting ideas to contribute to a better world and the Kingdom of God growing stronger.



PSHE:

This half term the children will be learning about Health and Wellbeing. We will be concentrating on the themes of Mental wellbeing, Transitions and change and Drugs, focussing on the importance of support.

Computing: Information Technology is the focus of this half term's learning, where children will learn more about how computers work and how they interact with other resources. We will start by looking at networks (including the internet), the cloud and the world wide web. We will then learn about the different operating systems and how they are used. Finally, the children will use their knowledge of the internet and search engines to create a presentation, learning about copyrighted information and considering the reliability of the sources.

Music: This term the children will continue to use the glockenspiels within the unit - Classroom Jazz. They will also be learning a piece of music perform in assembly.



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.

X / 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.



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