



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:

Geography: Rainforests - Where on Earth are rainforests?

Our Geography work this term will focus on the rainforest environment. We will explore the location of major rainforest regions, the location of The Amazon Rainforest and the similarities between Westhoughton and region in Brazil. We will start with an overview of Geographical skills, including continents, oceans and world weather regions. We will find out more about the plants, animals and the climate of this tropical habitat.



Science:

This half term we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will learn about the 7 characteristics of a living thing, explore and use classification keys as well as recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things



Art:

Our Art topic this half term is Collage. We will be creating a collage in the style Henri Rousseau, a French post-impressionist painter. Linking to our Geography topic, we will be developing our skills of drawing lines and shapes whilst using different forms of media. At the end of the unit, we will sketch and compose a jungle scene collage inspired by Rousseau.



PE:

In PE we will be focussing on the skills of passing and receiving as well as developing out agility and quickness.

PE days:

Swallows: Tuesday & Wednesday
Woodpeckers: Wednesday and Thursday
Starlings: Wednesday & Thursday

RE: This half term, we will be working towards answering question "What do humans learn from the Creation Story?" At the start of the unit, we will be the learn At the recap the Creation Story to help us to understand the core concepts of 'God' and 'Creation'. We will be learning about the story of Adam and Eve and how the bible and the 10 commandments are used as a guide for living.



PSHE:

In PSHE this half term we are learning all about families. We will be learning about features of positive family life, know that there are different family structures and what a healthy family looks like.

Computing:

This half-term, we start with a unit of work based on Digital Citizenship. We will study how to stay safe online, how to recognise online bullying and the importance of keeping screen time to a minimum. We will also look at how our information is used online and how to keep this as safe as possible.

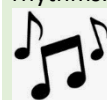


French:

This half term we will complete short units of work on greetings, colours and classroom commands, e.g. stand up, pick up your pencil.



Music: This half term we will learn to read staff notation for 1, 2 and 4 beat rhythms. We will develop our understanding of 'the beat' and 'rhythms' through the new topic of chair drumming.



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!

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!



Swallows: @GatesSwallows
Woodpeckers: @GatesWoodpecker
Starlings: @GatesStarlings

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.



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.