



Autumn 1

UKS2 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:

History: Hunter Gatherers

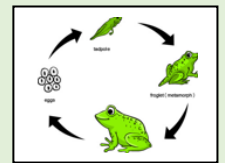
Children will be exploring prehistoric Britain through a study of hunter-gatherers. They will study the changes throughout the long stone age through important archaeological sites such as Skara Brae. They will look at the historical significance of metal tools being introduced in the bronze and iron ages, evaluating how important and long lasting these discoveries were.

Art: Robin Brooks

Children will be looking at the work of American artist Robin Brooks and will build up a range of skills to support them in creating their final piece: a nature themed collage. Children will explore different textures by using a range of mediums and will learn how to create depth in a piece of art by using layers effectively.

Science: Living Things and their Habitats

This half term in Science, children will become experts in their knowledge of the lifecycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They will learn what similarities and differences these animals share and seek patterns based on their own enquiry questions. As well as this, they will learn about sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and take cuttings to show how this happens – fingers crossed!



PE: ABC's & SAQ's. The children will begin the new school year by working on their fundamental movement skills. These will then be applied throughout the year. Working on their Agility, Balance & Coordination skills during their indoor lesson. Whilst during the outdoor lesson, their Speed, Agility & Quickness skills.

PE days:

Doves: Monday and Friday

Kingfishers: Monday & Tuesday

Eagles: Thursday & Friday

RE: Why do Christians believe God is holy and loving?

Children will look at who/what Christians believe God to be and what qualities he possesses. They will look in depth at the reasons why religions believe in God or Gods.



PSHE: Relationships

This half term, children will be learning how to get along with others, how to form new friendships and include others. They will also learn how to handle peer pressure, what personal space is and online disinhibition effect.

Computing: Digital Citizenship will allow children to think about how they affect and are affected by the online world. They will consider online safety, their online footprint and the importance of acting with "netiquette".

Music: The children will learn to read staff notation for 1, 2 and 4 beat rhythms. They will learn about African drumming; playing with the correct posture and gain an understanding of 'the beat', 'rhythm' and 'tempo'.



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
- Practise times tables
- Complete 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.