



Autumn 2 UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! The children have been really settled this week and enjoyed an excellent first week back after half term. As always, this half term promises to be a particularly exciting one for children. There will be lots of fun activities to partake in and lots of learning to be done. Please find an outline of this half term's learning below.

Geography: Hillforts

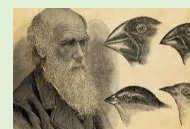
Building on our historical learning about prehistoric Britain, we will look at hill forts. Starting with a discussion of physical and human geography, we will use a variety of maps to consolidate our knowledge of the Geography of the UK, both cities and natural features, before studying hillforts in detail. We will also make our own maps, in both two- and three- dimensions!

DT: Mechanisms

This half-term the focus of our learning is mechanisms and electrical systems. We will be exploring different methods of joining materials, developing our understanding and skills of CAMS whilst designing a moving animal toy, suitable for an animal exhibition.

Science: Evolution and Inheritance

What an exciting half term of Science this promises to be! Children will be learning all about how plants and animals have evolved over time and adapted to suit their environment. They will learn about Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection and all about fossils: how they were formed and what they tell us. To further enhance our learning of this topic, we have a very exciting trip to Chester Zoo planned where we have a special evolution workshop planned.



PE: Tactics & Strategies/Gymnastics.

This term in outdoor PE the children will be developing skills to use in game play. They will apply skills to sports including Dodgeball. In gymnastics they will be developing their skills and applying them to routines.

PE days:

Doves: Monday and Friday

Kingfishers: Monday & Tuesday

Eagles: Thursday & Friday

RE:

In RE, children will learn about the Muslims within our region. We will learn about the 5 Pillars of Islam and how they support Muslims through their Journey of Life. From this, children will then develop their understanding of two pillars: Charity (Zakah) and Pilgrimage (Hajj).



PSHE:

This half term children will be continuing their learning about relationships. In addition to this they will be considering stereotypes and learning how to challenge these, presenting their outcomes as a podcast for the school radio.

Computing: The children will be studying Digital Literacy, developing practical skills in presentation programmes such as PowerPoint. They will learn about animation and transitions, to make presentations eye-catching. They will then present to their peers, recording and evaluating their performance.

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.



French: The children will learn how to follow classroom instructions, e.g. stand up, open your book. They will also work on greetings, numbers to twenty and gain an understanding of Bastille Day.



Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practise spellings & x tables
- Complete one example from the half termly project list
- Tasks set in homework books



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.