

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: Map Reading (Hillforts)

Building on our historical learning about prehistoric Britain, will be looking at the geography of the UK. We will use a variety of maps to consolidate our knowledge of the Geography of the UK, both cities and natural features, before studying different hillforts in detail. We will look at OS maps and learn how to read six figure grid references and contour lines.

DT:



During this half-term in DT, we will focus on designing, making, and evaluating Fairtrade cookies. We'll begin by researching the concept of 'Fairtrade' and exploring the work of influential chefs who are ambassadors for Fairtrade UK. Children will then taste a variety of cookies and experiment with different recipes. Drawing inspiration from these recipes, each child will design their own cookie, incorporating their own unique ideas. In the final weeks, they will create, bake and evaluate their cookies.

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 that all living things have offspring of the same kind and how different features will be inherited from their parents. Then we will begin to learn about Charles Darwin and his contributions towards the understanding of the process of evolution

PE:
During outdoor PE, the children will be working on 'Tactics and Strategies' which can be applied throughout the year. During their indoor lesson, they will be working on developing their 'Send and Receive' knowledge.

PE days:
Falcons: Tuesday and Thursday
Kingfishers: Wednesday and Thursday
Eagles:

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 in PSHE, Year 5 will learn about staying safe online, building positive relationships, and making responsible choices. Children will explore online friendships, personal safety, respectful behaviour, and how to seek help when they need it, helping them develop the confidence and skills to stay safe and healthy in everyday life. Year 6 will explore equality, discrimination and stereotypes, learning how to challenge prejudice and be positive allies to others. They will also discuss racism, sexism, media influences and making safe, responsible choices, helping them develop respect, empathy and confidence as they prepare for the future.

Computing:
The children will be learning about data and information. We will be looking at how a flat-file database can be used to organise data in records. They will create graphs and charts from their data to help solve problems. We will then be introduced to spreadsheets where they will be supported in organising data into columns and rows to create their own data set

French:



The children will learn to follow classroom instructions, such as standing up and opening their books. They will also practice greetings and counting up to twenty, while gaining an understanding of Bastille Day.

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:



- Reading 10-15 minutes 5 times per week and completion of reading records
- Completion of spelling activity in homework book. (15mins)
- Completion of arithmetic activity in homework book. (15mins)
- Completion of English activity in homework book. (15mins)

Reading Challenge
5 x= Green; 2/3/4= Yellow; 0/1= Red

Seesaw

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