



Autumn 1

KS1 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:

Our topic in History this half term is The Great Fire of London. We will be learning how the Great Fire started, how and why it spread so quickly, learning about key historical figures of the time and looking at the impact/changes that were made as a direct result of the fire and the effect this has on our lives today. We will also study what a 'primary' and 'secondary' source of evidence is in relation to the fire, and the significant figures that were involved within the event and its aftermath.



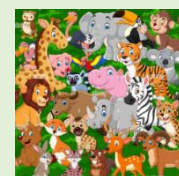
Art:

In Art, we will be working on our drawing and collage skills. We will research the work of Eric Carle as an illustrator and begin to develop our evaluation skills to help us talk about his work. Then we will use our observational skills to look at the different lines and shapes that we can see in insects so that we can draw our own. Next, we will develop our collage skills using the different techniques of crumpling, tearing and overlapping. Finally, we will apply these skills to create our own mini-beast in the style of Eric Carle.



Science:

This half term in Science, Robins will be learning about The Human Body. We will learn about the basic parts of the human body and learn about the different senses and how we use these. In Owls, we will be learning about animals' needs for survival. In this topic, we will sort animals into mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles and look at the features of each and why they are important.



PE:

In PE this term, we will develop the skills of balancing, running and jumping. A range of games will be played to allow the children to apply the skills and to develop them further. We will also continue to take part in our daily mile time.

PE days:

Robins: Tuesday and Thursday
Owls: Monday and Friday

RE:

Our enquiry question is 'Who do Christians say made the world?'



We will be looking at who Christians believe made the world, use general words to describe a range of religious practice and teaching and know that Christians believe humans should care for the world because it belongs to God.

PSHE:

In PSHE, this term's theme is relationships. Firstly, we will identify the different people who love and care for us, reinforcing the further roles that these people have in our lives. Next, we will name some of the common features of a family and recognise that there are families different to that of our own. Lastly, we will acknowledge what we should do and who we should talk to if we are worried about anything.



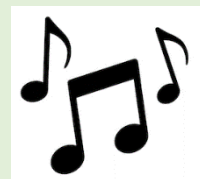
Computing:

In Computing we are focusing on Digital Citizenship. We will be discussing how to communicate with people in a kind and considerate way; what information we should and shouldn't share online and ways in which we can keep ourselves safe online.



Music:

This half term we will be looking at how reggae music and how rhythms are made. We will be creating our own piece of music in groups working together collaboratively. We will also look at vocabulary such as pulse, beat, pitch and rhythm.



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 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



Twitter Pages

You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school on our school twitter/ X page. Please follow us on here, Facebook and instagram to keep updated.
@TheGatesPrimary



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.



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.