



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:

History:

This half term we will be learning all about WW2 in our History unit 'Wartime Westhoughton'. We will begin by creating timelines of all the historical events/eras studied so far, seeing where WW2 is in relation to those. We will go on to sequence some of the key events of WW2, use sources to ask and answer questions, learn about the impact the war had on the local area and on the people living in Westhoughton.

Art:

The children will begin their collage unit by looking at the work of Evelyn Dunbar and how she represented life during the World War II. They will continue to develop their drawing skills by looking at tone and shading and applying this to their own self portraits. This will then be developed into creating a self portrait and collage art piece depicting themselves at the time of the war.

Science:

In Science, children will explore the fascinating world of living things. They will learn how plants and animals can be grouped and classified in different ways, developing their understanding of the characteristics that help us identify and organise living things. Following this, will explore and use classification keys to identify and group a range of living things before putting their scientific skills into practice by carrying out their own data collection and recording their findings.

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:

Woodpeckers: Monday & Friday
Swallows: Monday & Friday
Doves: Tuesday & Thursday

RE:

Our Enquiry Question in RE this half term is 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' In this unit we will be learning about where 'creation' and 'the fall' are in the Bible, what the creation story teaches Christians, the relationship between people and God, the story of Adam & Eve, temptation and the ten commandments.



PSHE:

This half term, **Year 4** pupils will learn about positive relationships and the importance of positive role models. They will explore the impact of peer influence and develop an understanding of bullying, including its effects on others. Children will also recap the importance of the **British Values** and consider how these values help us to build respectful and positive communities.



Computing:

In computing we will be learning about what it means to be a good citizen online. We will learn about cyber bullying, how to stay safe online and what our digital footprint is.



Music:

We will start the year by starting our unit on chair drumming. The children will use a drumsticks and a chair as a drum kit. They will develop their sense of rhythm and learn how to follow a graphic score which will accompany a selection of pop songs.



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 topic homework 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!

@GatesWoodpecker
@GatesStarlings
@GatesDoves



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.