



Autumn 2

UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term, we hope that you all had a restful two weeks together. We are now into our second half of the Autumn term and have lots more exciting learning planned for your child. This is the work that the children will be covering over the following term in UKS2:

Geography: Volcanoes

This term we will be looking in further detail at volcanoes around the world and how they are formed. We will be applying geographical skills such as map reading to find patterns in the locations of volcanoes around the world. We will then be looking at the impact of volcanoes on humans and find out why people around the world still live in close proximity to them.



DT: Structures - Gingerbread Houses

In DT, we will be creating our very own gingerbread houses! The project will begin with writing a design brief, where they'll plan out what they want their gingerbread house to look like—thinking about shape, size, and decoration. Once they have their ideas, they'll design their house and create nets and templates to cut out the gingerbread pieces. After baking the pieces from scratch, they'll assemble their houses, using icing as a glue to hold everything together. Finally, they'll decorate their houses with a variety of tasty and creative touches, bringing their designs to life!



Science: The learning within this theme focuses on the Earth and Space. We will learn about the characteristics of the planets and the shape and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. In addition to this, we will be describing the movement of the Moon and the Earth in relation to the sun as well as the other planets in the solar system. Finally, we will be using the idea of the Earth's rotation to help us explain day and night and the different moon phases.



PE:

In Outdoor PE this term we will be focusing on developing our knowledge of Tactics & Strategies and applying these to team games. During Indoor PE we will be working on our Speed, Agility & Quickness to continue to develop our Physical Literacy.

PE days:

Doves: Tuesday and Thursday

Kingfishers: Tuesday and Thursday

Eagles: Tuesday and Thursday

RE:

In Religious Education this term we will be working towards answering the question "Why do some people believe in God and some people do not?"

Throughout this unit, we will be learning about the distribution of religions in the world, UK and in Bolton and looking at examples of why people do or do not believe in God. We will use this information to help us to understand how beliefs may impact how people choose to live.



PSHE:

Our topic for PSHE this half term is Relationships. Children will be learning about seeking and giving permission in different situations, recognising pressure from others and learning where to receive advice and report concerns. At the end of the unit, children will be given the opportunity to discuss and debate topical issues, learning to respectfully agree and disagree.



Computing:

In Computing, we are focusing on Digital Literacy. We will use Purple Mash and Microsoft Excel to create our own databases and graph whilst learning how to use animations and transitions on Microsoft Powerpoint. This will all help us to use technology purposefully to create, organise and store digital content.

French: This term we will be developing our knowledge of vocabulary linked to the family. The children will develop knowledge of the key vocabulary and apply these in conversation, reading and writing



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, water bottle, 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)
- Create one example from the half termly project list

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



X (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



Attendance

If your child is unwell, please contact school before 8:30am in the morning where possible.

Classroom doors close at 8:50am; children should enter and sign in through the office after this time.

Children arriving after 9:20am will be marked as a 'U' (unauthorised absence) for the morning session in line with local authority procedures.

Last year, school achieved an overall attendance of 95.71% - a 1.15% increase from the previous year and 0.91% above national. Thanks for your support!