



Autumn 2

Doves' Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over half term - it is great to see the children after having a break. They have been wonderful in school and we are really looking forward to all of the fun learning we have planned for this half term.

History: The Great War



In History, we will be looking at how Britain was impacted by World War One, particularly our town of Westhoughton. We will learn where WW1 falls in the timeline of British history and the sequences of events within this; the cause and outbreak of WW1; the countries who were involved in WW1; recognising why trenches were dug and how it impacted the life of all those involved.

DT: Structures – Trenches

In DT, we will be creating our own model WW1 trenches. We will practise using tools such as hand drills, bradawls and glue guns before creating our own design. Children will measure, cut and join resources together before decorating and adding specific features of the trench.

Science: Material Properties

This half term's science unit is really exciting. To start the unit, children will be taking part in an 'escape the room' challenge with activities based on their prior learning. Children will carry out a series of tests and investigations throughout the half term with the aim of furthering their understanding as to why certain materials are more suitable than others for particular purposes.

PE: Hockey and Dance- linked to our History topic of World War One.



PE days – Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes into school in the appropriate PE kit and have a bottle of water in school.

On the days when your child has PE, they should attend school in their PE kit for the entire day, in accordance with our Covid-19 risk assessment. Please ensure your child wears black shorts, white t-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan over the top. In cold weather, children are permitted to wear black jogging pants.

RE: Why do some people believe in God and some people not?



In this unit we will be looking at the reasons why people choose to believe/disbelieve in God and explore what religion means to people. Children will explore the unique relationship between religion and science and investigate whether it is possible to follow both. We will discuss the impact that religion has on the lives of their followers.

PSHCE:

Our overarching 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:

This half term the children will be developing their Digital Literacy skills. They will be using Power Point to present information researched about World War 1. Then they will learn how to use Excel to present data in spreadsheets, use simple formulas and to create graphs.



French:

This half term, the children will learn new vocabulary related to families in French. They will learn the nouns for different family members and key questions before describing their family to each other.



Music:

In music, we are focussing on the jazz genre and will be learning to play the glockenspiel. We will be improvising and creating our own riffs, before performing in front of others.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, PE kit, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked bring in.



Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day (weekly)
- Practice spellings using Spelling Shed (test on a Friday)
- Learn times tables using Maths Shed (test on a Friday)
- Complete at least one activity on the Homework Topic Web.
- Complete weekly maths & reading homework – set on Seesaw.



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 Author in the Spotlight or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

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The Gates Primary - Doves Class Page
@GatesDoves

Edit profile

We have a new school twitter page which we update regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are all working. Please give us a follow to keep updated!