



Summer 1

Doves Class's Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over Easter. It is great to see the children again after the holidays – it's like they've never been away! This is the learning that your child will be covering over the following term.

Geography:

This term in Geography, children will be learning all about Brazil. The unit will start with a strong emphasis on map work and locational knowledge with children also learning how to use longitude and latitude. As well as this, they will learn about the different time zones in the world, and how some countries have different time zones within themselves. Children will also learn about the diverse landscape of Brazil and the different ecosystems and biomes that exist there. They will also study the different climates in Brazil, distinguishing between climate and weather, and draw their own climate graphs from data sets.

DT: Food

This half-term we will be focusing on the unit of Food. The children will begin by researching the importance of healthy meals making reference to the Eatwell plate. After this, they will have the opportunity to research flavour combinations, taste the fruit and develop their cutting skills, safely and hygienically. Following on from this, they will design and make their own healthy Caribbean smoothie to be sold at the school summer fair.



Science: Electricity

This half term's Science promises to be very exciting! Children will explore and create their own series circuits and will learn to represent simple circuits in diagrams using recognised symbols. There will be lots of time for experimenting, and working scientifically, with 'Fair Testing' and 'Identifying and Classifying' being the 2 main lines of enquiry followed. We will even create our own 'Human Circuit' and show how electrons flow through us! As well as this, children will devise their own questions and experiments exploring voltage and different numbers of components in their circuits.

RE: Christianity

In Religious Education this term we will be working towards answering the question "What kind of king was Jesus?" We will be analysing a range of biblical texts (prayers, parables and songs) to consider the type of king Jesus intended to be and the world he was seeking. Towards the end of the unit, we will be making connections between Christian teachings of God's Kingdom to current issues, suggesting ideas to contribute to a better world and the Kingdom of God growing stronger.



French: Les Vêtements (Clothes)

The children will learn to repeat and recognise the vocabulary for a variety of clothes whilst learning to use the appropriate genders and articles for 'a' (un, une) when discussing them. Children will discuss, in French, clothes to suit a range of weathers and they will describe the clothes in terms of their colours.

PE:

In PE this term we will be developing our tennis skills with particular focus on applying sequences of movement, understanding scoring and officiating both in personal challenges and competitive games. They will also continue to develop racket skills.

PE Kit:

This includes shorts, t-shirt, suitable footwear and a tracksuit for colder weather. Girls should not wear cycling shorts – normal PE shorts as the boys wear.

Please note the **change** to your child's PE days.

PE Days: Monday and Thursday

PSHE: Health and Wellbeing

Topics to be discussed include: importance of keeping personal information private, effects of alcohol and drugs, importance of exercise in maintaining wellbeing. Children will get the chance to discuss and research these key issues. We will also be looking at how to respond in emergencies, such as basic first aid.

Music: In The Hall Of The Mountain King – By Edvard Grieg



Pupils will explore who Edvard Grieg is and why he is successful/famous. We will then look at artists similar to Grieg and explore an orchestra and the various roles in an orchestra. Children will learn how to play a pulse and create a tune based on this song before inventing a similar piece of music to describe a new character/event.

Computing: Information Technology

This half-term, we will learn how to apply our Information Technology skills through a research project. Learning how to carry out more efficient searches for relevant information and how some people may present online information 'opinions' as 'facts'. We will also be learning about copyright and how to make references to and acknowledge sources used from the internet.

Our School Twitter page @GatesDoves



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!

Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day.
- Practice spellings using Spelling Shed (test on a Friday)
- Learn times tables and complete maths tasks on Maths Shed (x table test on Friday)
- Complete at least one activity on the Homework Topic Web per half term.



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, or completed comprehensions on Reading Plus will go towards the Reading Challenge.