

SPRING TERM

2018



Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday.

Here is a summary of the work we will be covering in Terms 3 and 4.

**English.** The children will experience a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and continue to develop their writing skills. We will also be focusing on handwriting, grammar, spelling and punctuation progression in all lessons. The Read Write Inc 'Get Spelling' programme will continue and be a regular feature in homework.

In reading, we will be continuing to encourage the children to discuss texts in depth, make predictions and voice their opinions of characters and events within books. Reading will take place daily through guided group reading, individual reading and book-related challenges so please ensure that reading folders are in School every day.

**Mathematics.** In maths we will be focusing on the following.

- Fractions of shapes and numbers.
- Multiplication and division.

The children will also be given regular mental maths practice as this is vital in helping them progress.

Times tables targets will be set through an awards scheme with bronze, silver and gold stars to earn.

**Science.**

- Term 3 – Forces and magnets.
- Term 4 – Rocks.

**Computing.** The children will use I.C.T to support their learning in all areas of the curriculum. We will be using computing specialists to deliver part of the curriculum.

**History.** Our topic focus leading up to Easter is Ancient Egypt.

**Geography.** The key features of the countries of the United Kingdom will be our main focus. The regions, counties and cities will be explored as part of this focus. We will also make links with our History theme, looking at the location of Egypt and its key features and landmarks.

**Languages.** We will continue our learning of Spanish with our specialist teacher Mrs Mier.

**Religious Education.** We will be focusing on Christianity – what is special about The Bible, and why it is important for Christians.

**Design and Technology.** All of our work will be closely linked to our topics and themes and will include the main elements of designing, making, evaluating, and using and applying technical knowledge. There will also be practical opportunities to learn about adopting a healthy and varied diet through the cooking and nutrition element of this subject.

**Art and Design.** We will use sketch books to record observations. We will work on a whole range of techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a variety of materials. Again, much of our work will link to our themes and topics and include seasonal art projects. The children will also be introduced to the life and works of great artists.

**Physical Education.** P.E. will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays in term 3. Sports specialists from Premier Sport will continue to teach P.E. – this will be the Tuesday afternoon session.

**Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL)**

Term 3 – the focus is ‘Going for Goals’.

Term 4 – the focus is ‘Good to be Me’.

**Music**

We will engage in topic related music-making and singing activities.

**Homework.** Reading is vitally important to your child’s learning and enjoyment. We would appreciate you listening to your child read as many times as possible throughout the week. Please record the pages of the book your child has read and make any comments about how they are doing in the reading contact book provided if you wish. We expect children to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week and research has shown that pupils who read... succeed!

Homework will link to class themes and will relate to a range of curricular areas over the term. It will be set on a Friday and due back the following Wednesday (House point awarded for early return!).

**Housekeeping.** Please ensure that your child’s clothing is clearly labelled!

<u>Dates for your diary</u>
<u>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</u> – Open evening
<u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</u> – Open Evening
<u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</u> – End of term 3.
<u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</u> – Holiday
<u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</u> – Term 4 starts
<u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</u> – class group photographs
<u>Wednesday 28<sup>st</sup> March</u> – End of term 4.

**Finally.....** As always, I would like to reiterate that your continued encouragement and support is vital to your child’s success. School and home should be a partnership working together to support your child in their learning and to maximise their success. Therefore, should you or your child have any worries or problems please do not hesitate to contact me.

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