

Foundation Subjects

Geography - This half term, we will explore the structure of the Earth and its tectonic plates. We will learn how the movement of these plates causes mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, investigating how they form and their effects on people and communities. We will also develop our map and fieldwork skills by identifying, recording and mapping different types of rocks.

Music- Children take part in weekly GlockRock sessions which take place every Friday. During these sessions children learn to play the Glockenspiel and practise reading music, singing and performing.

Computing - This half term, we will explore how information technology (IT) is used in our everyday lives and how it can benefit people and communities. We will investigate how IT is used in places such as homes, shops, libraries and hospitals, while also learning about responsible and safe use of technology and how to make smart choices when using it.

DT- This half term, we will explore where our food comes from and how different fruits and vegetables are grown throughout the year. We will learn about seasonal and imported foods and consider their impact on the environment. We will develop our food preparation and safety skills, explore different tastes and flavours, and design, make and evaluate our own seasonal dish, considering the nutritional benefits of our ingredients.

RE - This half term we will be thinking about the question, 'How do Jews remember God's covenant?' We will be looking at the stories about Moses and discussing the characteristics that he had to make him a good leader and consider some of the Jewish rituals.

PSHCE- We will be thinking about relationships. We will be discussing what a relationship is and how relationships are different or the same. We will consider what it is like to work with different people and how we can learn to make adaptations. We will look at family relationships and how they make us feel and who we can speak to if we have concerns about a family relationship.

French- We will be learning greetings, saying goodbye and how you are feeling, how to say your name and how old you are, as well as numbers 1-10.

PE- We will be using themes 'look, run avoid' to develop Fundamental skills that can be used when playing invasion games. Children will be introduced to the concepts of identifying space and varying speed and direction.

English

This half term, we will enjoy a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to develop our reading, writing and language skills. We will build confidence in writing longer, more detailed sentences, developing ideas and choosing interesting vocabulary to bring our writing to life. A current theme in our non-fiction writing we are exploring is Autumn. We will focus on using capital letters, full stops and other punctuation accurately, while building on the skills developed through Drawing Club in class 1 by creating our own new characters, adventures and stories. We will also develop our ability to plan, organise, edit and improve our writing.

We will be working on our spellings and recognition of Y2/3 common exception words. Reads can be recorded on the class dojo app through sending a quick message about what and how your child has read. If you read a minimum of 3 times a week you will be awarded 10 extra dojo points. Children now have logins for bug club phonics (Y2) and spelling shed (Y3) which can be used at home and at school. If you have lost your logins for any of these apps- please let us know and we can issue a new one 😊

Volcanoes, Vegetable tarts and very clever skeletons!

Year 2 and 3

Science

Our topic this half term is Skeletons. We will be learning about some of the bones in the human body and then compare the similarities and differences to other animals. We will be learning about animals with and without a spine, as well as identifying animals with an exoskeleton. We will complete the unit by answering the question, 'Are all skeletons the same?'

We will then be learning about the joints and movement.

Maths

In maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value, including recognising the value of digits in numbers and comparing and ordering numbers. We are now moving on to addition and subtraction, where we will develop efficient written and mental methods, solve problems and apply our skills to real-life situations. We will also develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills, explaining how we have worked out our answers

You can help your child by continuing to help them to learn and practice their times tables and continuing to work on addition and subtraction skills to increase quick arithmetic skills. TT rockstars and white rose infinity are also online quizzes/games which are fantastic resources available to the children. Again please let me know if you need help accessing any of these.

Here is a link to a great times tables. - [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

The Notice Board

PE- This will be on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure you have both an indoor and outdoor kit. This includes shorts, t-shirt, warm jumper, trainers, jogging bottoms/leggings. If you have earrings, please can you bring in ear tape or alternatively earrings will need to be taken out during PE sessions and ensure that long hair is tied up.

Please always send your child with a water bottle!!!!

Miss Mitchell will be in class Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday AM
Mrs Myles will be in class Wednesday/Thursday and Friday. Mrs Baxter will still come and help us on a Monday morning and Mrs Holden will come to support us on a Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Senior will also support us in class 2 daily.

Parents- If you have a spare 5 minutes in the day, please allow your child to practise spellings on spelling shed or practise their times tables on TTRS. Please let us know if you need help with logging in.

Reading books - please make sure these are in school daily for reading practice and they will be changed on Friday.