Foundation Subjects

History - This half term, we will be learning about the **Anglo-Saxons and how Britain changed following their invasion and settlement.** We will discover who the Anglo-Saxons were and explore what life was like for them, including their homes, settlements, jobs and daily lives. We will investigate the fascinating discovery of **Sutton Hoo** and what it can tell us about Anglo-Saxon society. We will also learn about **King Alfred the Great** and his role in defending and shaping Anglo-Saxon England.

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 in computing, we will be learning how **digital photographs are captured and edited.** We will explore different devices that can be used to take photographs and develop our skills in capturing, editing and improving images. We will also think carefully about the images we see online and learn that **not all images are real or an accurate representation of reality.**

Art; This half term, we will be exploring **tone and texture** through drawing and mark-making. We will experiment with different materials, pressures and techniques to create a variety of marks, tones and textures. We will learn how artists use **shading and tone to create depth and detail**, and develop our skills in sketching, refining outlines and drawing simple shapes. We will also explore how **pose, expression and head position** can be used to communicate ideas through photography.

RE – We will move on to the question 'How do different people express their spirituality?' They will discuss what spirituality means and look at different ways that religions demonstrate their beliefs through imagery.

PSHCE- We will be using My Happy Mind to explore the brain. We will be looking at different parts of the brain and how they influence our behaviours.**French**- We will be continuing with 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 start the unit 'Hands, Feet, Equipment'. We will be developing dribbling skills using different types of equipment and using various parts of their body to develop object control.

English

This half term, we will be using a range of stimulus for teaching English. We will be using the film clip 'Bubbles' to write our own fantasy narrative. We will use clips to write a setting description and imagine where we would like to go if we were floating away on a bubble.
We will then move onto a selection of poetry titled , 'If I ruled the world' where children will have opportunities to share their thoughts on positive and negative things in their lives and how they would like to improve the world. They will put their thoughts into a poem following the pattern of the example poems.

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 😊



Saxons, Sketching and Stories

Year 2 and 3

Science

Our topic this half term is **Nutrition.** We will be exploring the 5 food groups; carbohydrates, fruits and vegetables, proteins, dairy and fats and sugars. We will be considering what the benefits of each of these food groups give to our bodies. We will consider how much of each group we should be eating in order to eat a 'balanced diet'. We will also compare human diets to different animals.

Maths

In maths, we will be mastering addition and subtraction, with Y3 learning to use formal methods of addition and subtraction and using exchanging.
Y2 will then move onto the properties of 2D shapes, whilst Y3 will begin multiplication and division.

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.