



Welcome to Autumn Term 2

We hope you are well and had a lovely half term!

Reading

In Year 5 we continue to follow the Destination Reader scheme. This term, Turner class are reading All about Politics (Andrew Marr); Thompson class are reading Anglo Saxon Boy (Tony Bradman). We are continuing with the Destination Reader programme of study, using different strategies each week to gain a deeper understanding of the text.

Writing

This half term, the children will write a newspaper report based on a text entitled 'The Campsbourne Express'. They will be developing their punctuation (brackets for parenthesis) and grammar (cohesive devices and subordinating conjunctions) as well as learning the key language of newspaper reports. The text map and story will be sent home, we hope you will have fun sharing oral learning of the story with the children.

Maths

This half term, the children will be consolidating and developing their reasoning skills in the context of multiplication and division followed by fractions unit. Please ensure your child feels confident with their times tables by frequently practising these at home with them.

Geography

Our topic for autumn is 'The Frozen Planet' and 'Time Zones, Latitude and Longitude'. The children will learn about globalisations and its effects; they will learn to use four and six-figure grid references to locate places on a map in addition to discovering lines of longitude and latitude. A visit to The Royal Observatory (free entrance) in Greenwich is a worthy visit. Indeed, looking at old maps will fascinate the children!

Religious Education

We will be learning about Christianity and exploring the key question, 'Is the Christmas story true?'. We will be looking at verses from the Bible, as well as the nativity to compare and contrast different accounts of the Christmas story. Finally, children will use all they have learnt to create their own version of the Christmas story in a comic style story map.

Physical Education

The regular PE schedule for autumn 2 is Turner: Monday PE (gym) and Wednesday PE (outdoors) and Thompson: Wednesday swimming and Friday PE (gym) it is essential that your child has the correct school PE kit (including trainers) for each PE session.

PSHE

This term, Year 5 children will be learning about 'Myself and my Relationships: Family and Friends'. They will learn to recognise how their networks have changed and developed, how to create new friendships and how to maintain existing ones during times of change. They will also know how to get support from people they trust and how they can support other people.

Science

This term the children continue to learn about properties and changes of materials. Children will plan, conduct and evaluate a range of experiments in order to explore a variety of materials.

Music

Children will continue to learn to play the ukulele. They will be learning strumming and plucking techniques. They will be composing songs using the open strings and learning music theory. Lessons are based in the music room.

Spanish

Each week pupils will learn a new aspect of Spanish language and culture through interactive lessons, activities and songs. This term they will learn about buildings on the high street; connectives; learning to ask where places are as well as days of the week and times of day. They will also be exploring Spanish stories and creating their own basic sentences about their likes and dislikes.

IT

In IT the children will use 'Ohbots' to program robots to use communicate using the if-then function.

Art

In art we will be focusing on the skills of painting, printmaking and collage. We will continue to explore or class artist in workshop style as well as other artists who also use these skills in their own art work.

Best wishes,

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