

**What we are learning
this term in M1**



English

Autumn Term One

During the autumn term one we are looking at Non Fiction, Biographies and Autobiographies we will be concentrating on ourselves and others and a personal topic. We will be looking at a variety of texts including Going Solo, Long Walk to Freedom, Michael Morpurgo and texts on Twinkl.

Spoken Language: The pupils will be encouraged to both share and listen to information about themselves and their families' experiences. We will encourage them to sit quietly and listen while the class describe each of their experiences and events.

Writing: In our lesson this term we will be focusing on letter writing, newspaper articles and essays, and looking at grammar and how to form a sentence using capital letter and full stops. Our work will be based around

Reading: We will be extracting information from literary non-fiction sources. Each pupil will have their own reading book and be reading selected pieces of text from. Pupils will be encouraged to use their phonics knowledge to help them decode words they don't know.

Autumn Term Two

We are looking at classis literature or a novel based unit: We will be concentrating on other cultures and genre, including fantasy, gothic, horror, Sci-Fi and the heritage of literature.

Spoken Language: The pupils will be encouraged to use talks as a tool for clarifying ideas.

Writing: This term we will concentrate on the opening chapter of the pupils novel, entering fictional world, using standard English.

Reading: We will study extracts from fictional genre, increase challenging texts and re-read to increase the pupil's familiarity.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on ordering positive and negative numbers and decimals in order of size, using a number line to support their learning.

We will also be advancing on their addition & subtraction skills, using the standard column approach to add & subtract 3 digit numbers.

Another area we will cover is their multiplication and division skills. We will be multiplying and dividing by 10/100/1000. The class will participate in some form of multiplication task for about 10 minutes at the beginning of every Maths lesson using a multiplication grid for support if necessary.

Science

The topic covered for the early Autumn term will be forces in the world around us. Pupils will look at the effects of forces using real life examples, the measurement of forces, and will investigate the effects of friction. The forces topic will cover balanced and unbalanced forces, speed and acceleration, floating and sinking, and pressure. If pupils could be encouraged to take note of these phenomena in everyday situations, this would help reinforce their learning. Later, pupils will move on and look at the properties of acids and alkalis. They will look at using different types of indicator, uses of acids and alkalis, and the process of neutralisation

PSHVE

PSHVE in Key Stages 2 and 3 will be taught in a variety of ways and will include swimming, forest schools, Titan and opportunities to build in activities to promote British Values in creative. During the autumn term one we are looking at Healthy Living, including food, exercise, drugs, alcohol, smoking, wellbeing and general health.

RE

This term pupils will be analysing what religion is within the world, helping to widen pupil's knowledge and understanding, recognising the importance of being aware and respectful of it all. To support your child with this subject at home you could chat about different faiths that they may spot in the local area such as different religious buildings and what they are used for.

PE

This term pupils will work on teamwork and sportsmanship as well as build on and embed both their basic PE skills but also start to develop their tactical awareness across a variety of sport such as team sports like Dodgeball and Baseball as well as more individual sports such as Badminton. Parents can support pupils by sending them in every week with a clean PE kit (eg a change of t-shirt, jumper either shorts or tracksuit bottoms as well as a comfortable pair of trainers).

Personal Care

During the autumn term one we are looking at personal hygiene, what it is, how important it is and how we can keep our bodies clean. There will be a mix of power points, short clips to watch, written theory, practical role play and discussion.

ICT

During the autumn term, pupils will focus on locating and naming the parts of a computer, as well defining the unique features of computers along with their uses. During the second half of the term, pupils will gain a more in-depth understanding of the term 'algorithms' and their relation to computer science. Pupils will also get a chance to discover digital cameras and their uses.

Design and Technology

In the first half of this term the students will focus on the Italian cuisine in cooking. This will give them the opportunity to develop cooking techniques and explore aspects of a healthy and balanced diet. In the second half of the term the students enhance fabrics thorough the application of colour, pattern and texture.

Art

This term is all about architecture and the interior of buildings. We will be exploring the many types and uses of buildings, researching some famous buildings and find out who designed them and look at some fabulous featured doors and windows across the globe. The term ends with inspiration from Lowry and Van Gogh who have made their mark using architecture and interiors in many famous paintings. Pupils will be working in 2 and 3 dimensions throughout the term and will be modelling door surrounds in paper pulp, constructing shelters using natural materials, using mosaic to enhance windows and drawing/painting in one point perspective.