

English

In English we will be continuing to develop pupils' use of 'Talk for Writing'. The children will be writing fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. The first half term will see the pupils analyse how authors provide the reader with a sense of suspense. Our focus for this genre will be The Caravan – a short story that shows how dangerous it can be playing in places that are not safe.

We will be developing fluency and comprehension reading skills through our English lessons and guided reading sessions. Pupils will continue to read, enjoy and discuss a range of high-quality age appropriate texts across a variety of genres. Our class book for the autumn term is Who Let the Gods Out? by Maz Evans. It is sure to test the pupils' prediction and inference skills, and links wonderfully to our Ancient Greece topic.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar curriculum requirements will also be a key focus throughout all of our written work.

Science

The topic for the first half term is The Circle of Life' where children will learn about animals and plants reproduce. We will be creating new plants by taking cuttings and observing the process of generating new roots. The children will be using scientific vocabulary as appropriate for this topic.

Computing

E-safety remains the priority in computing lessons as we work through our 'Searching the Web' unit. We will be looking at how search results are presented and which ones we can trust.

Dates for your diary...

Thursdays - P.E. Children to come to school in their P.E. kits.

Please see the Red Hall newsletter for any upcoming whole school events.

Homework will be sent out weekly in Maths and English on Wednesdays. The children will be using CGP homework books to practise the skills they have learnt in class. Pupils are also expected to read regularly at home and we ask parents to sign your child's planner weekly.

Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6

A very warm welcome back to you all!

Our year 6 team:

Mrs Lewis

Mr Gleave

Mrs Woodberry

Topic

For this term our topic is Ancient Greece'. The children will be placing the key events from the era on a timeline and locating Greece on the map. We will be looking at how the geography of the country and islands contributed to the formation of the city-states. The Greek Gods will be explored, as there are many links to our class-reading book: Who Let the Gods Out? The children have already started to identify some words in the English language that take their root from the Greek language.

Art/D.T.

The children will learn about the artist Picasso and identifying the different types of art that he created during different periods of his life. We will work with the cubist style to create our own portraits at the end of the unit.

Maths

In maths this term the units we will be covering are, firstly, place value - where we will be extending our knowledge of the place value columns and how this affects the value of a number's digits. Year 6 will also be looking at negative numbers. Comparing, ordering and rounding also feature in this block.

We are then moving on to calculations. In this unit we will be calculating with the four operations and securing our methods as well as looking at efficient mental methods. We will be introducing long division too. This work will enable the children to work fluently with calculations to solve real-life problems.

Fractions feature in the second half term and we will be adding, subtracting and multiplying them. Year 6 will extend to dividing fractions by whole numbers.

Geometry will conclude the term for our pupils.

Useful Websites: TT Rock Stars, BBC Bitesize and Topmarks

P.E.

PE this term focuses on making sure the children are getting active playing a variety of team games. This will see Mr Collins develop many activities that develop the children's skills, knowledge and teamwork.

French

French lessons will begin later in the term.

P.S.H.E.

We are consolidating our knowledge of The Ten Keys to Happiness in P.S.H.E. We will continue with our mindfulness activities throughout the year.

RE

Our RE work this term focuses on The Bible and we will identify and describe ways in which the Bible is important for Christians and how it is used both at home and in church.