NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2024
CLASSES 6, 7 & 8

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer and that the children are ready to begin another exciting school year. This newsletter is to inform you about the topics that we are covering this term so that you can further support your children at home if you wish.

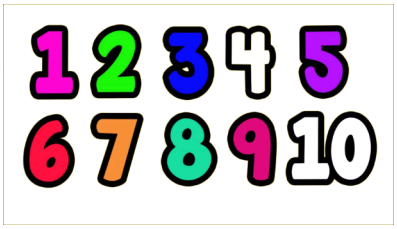
English

Autumn 1: We will be starting this term reading 'Stone Age Tales' by Terry Deary. We will practice using simple conjunctions to help us join clauses and create compound sentences for a diary entry from the characters point of view. We will then learn how to write a setting description using adjectives and fronted adverbials to describe places from the story.

Autumn 2: Next term, we will be reading a poem called 'The Brook' by Alfred Tennyson. We will then learn about how poems are structured, using rhyme, rhythm and repetition, before writing our own poems about sea creatures using similes and a range of nouns. Our next unit will be writing a non-chronological report, focusing on the use of paragraphs/subheadings.

Maths

Place Value: We will begin by understanding the value of numbers with 3 and 4-digits (e.g. 234 or 5672). We will learn how to order and compare these numbers by their size and build them in different ways using units of thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.
Addition and Subtraction: We will learn how to add simple or rounded numbers using mental methods and then calculate with larger numbers using the column method.
Multiplication: We will learn how to multiply numbers up to 12 and show our thinking through a variety of diagrams and equations.



What we are learning in the wider curriculum

RSHE: Our first unit is about being a good friend and what characteristics we need to show. We will then learn about keeping healthy and what makes each of us unique and special.

RE: In the first term, we will learn about different parables from the Bible (such as the Lost Sheep or the Two Builders) and discuss the messages of these stories. We will use drama, storyboards and other ways to present these parables and discuss their similarities and differences. Later in the term, we will learn about Pentecost and the importance of light in Christianity.

Art/DT: Our first DT project will be to design a pencil tidy for Mrs. Otterburn. We will research existing products, before designing, creating and evaluating our own ones. In Art, we will look at the work of Vincent Scarpace before creating sea creatures in his style using crayon and paint.

PE: Before half term, we will be practicing our athletics skills and playing handball. After half term, we will be improving our rugby and basketball skills before playing some matches.

Science: Our first science unit will be about magnets. We will learn about how forces push and pull to create movement and how magnets attract and repel each other. We will then do some experiments to test the strength of different magnets and how different surfaces create friction. Our second unit will be about the 3 states of matter (solids, liquids and gases). We will learn about their properties and learn to sort items like scientists. We will then learn about evaporation and condensation and how this links to the water cycle.

History/Geography: In history, we will learn about Britain during the Stone Age and how life changed for Britons during this time. We will then learn about the Bronze Age and compare these two time periods. In Geography, we will learn about the water cycle (linking to science) and how water has affected human life for centuries e.g. where people have settled.

Computing: We will be learning how to write coding to instruct an avatar to perform certain actions. We will learn how to move, turn, repeat actions as well as make sounds. We will then learn about branching databases and how to sort data based on yes or no questions.

Reading

Reminder: please ensure that your child reads 5 times or more each week and that this is recorded and signed for in their planner. Each entry will count towards their reading awards.

Spellings

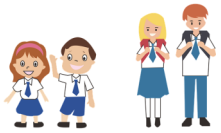
Each Monday, your child will be set 10 new spelling words. They will need to practice these 3 times on their homework sheet and return it to school on Friday.

TT Rock Stars

Make sure you keep practicing your times tables online. Each class will be taking part in weekly competitions so get lots of points!

Reminders

PE Kit: Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (white or navy t-shirt and navy shorts) on PE days.
Planners: These should be signed daily and brought into school with their reading books.
Nut Policy: Please remember, we are a nut free school. Please ensure your child does not bring anything with nuts in their lunch boxes.
Uniform: Please ensure the uniform policy is adhered to. Check your planners or the school website if you are unsure of the uniform policy. Please ensure you label all your child's school uniform



Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Mr Narborough	Class 7	Skylarks
Miss King	Class 8	Falcons