

Term 1 Class Newsletter 2024

Miss Gascoigne's Class News for the Term Ahead



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In September I will be your new class teacher. We will be lucky to be having Mrs Bullingham supporting in our class as well as Mrs Castle at various points through the week.

When the children have PE, they should continue to wear their Bitham Brook PE kit into school with the school jumper over the top (if weather conditions require a jumper).

Please note the Bitham Brook PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings/tracksuit with daps/trainers. Other sports clothing is not acceptable as it is important that, as a school, we have pride in our appearance. Please could children also ensure jewellery is removed for the lesson or prior to coming to school. Please can I also remind you that the children will not need to bring in pencil cases or stationary as this will be provided in class, and that toys and valuables are kept at home.

Learning this Term

Maths

In maths, we will be learning about place value. The children will be comparing and ordering numbers as well as rounding them to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Later in the term they will be using formal methods to add and subtract.

Writing

Our writing will be linked to our class book, 'The Wizard of Once' by Cressida Cowell. We will start by writing a set of instructions on How to Catch a Witch. We will finish the term by writing a fantasy story in the style of Cressida Cowell's Wizard of Once.

Reading

During reading we will be working our way through our class book 'The Wizard of Once' by Cressida Cowell where they will interrogate the text using the skills of inference and prediction as well as developing our vocabulary skills. The children will be able to continue with their own reading and testing their understanding using Accelerated reader.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is called 'Being Me'. In this unit, children will learn about rights, rules and responsibilities.

Science

In science, we will be looking at Animals including Humans. We will be describing the changes which happen to humans as they develop into older age.

Art

In Art this term, we will be drawing. We will be learning about creating a non-realistic real life representation in an abstract way. The children will learn about the artists Wassily Kandinsky and Friedensreich Hundertwasser and their impact on abstract art. They will use pastels to create the techniques of feathering, scrumbling and blending.

Geography

We will be learning about World Trade. The children will learn about natural resources, how they are used as well as the use of trade, imports and exports. They will use 4 figure grid references to locate places they could buy imported foods on an OS map. Later they will investigate trade over time and finish learning about Fairtrade and the affect it can have on farmers.

Computing

In computers, we will be starting by looking at e-safety. We will then look at using databases and begin to search and create our own.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be focussing on the sport of Netball. We will be developing a range of netball passes and look to using them whilst on the move.

French

We will begin to describe ourselves and others. We will also look at French grammar as well as examine the origin of words.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring and discussing how Hindu beliefs are expressed in artefacts and worship.

Homework

Spellings. Handed out on the first Monday of term. We will not be testing weekly but instead every 4 weeks. Spellings can also be found on the school website.

Continue to read at home.

Continue practicing for times table challenges on Times Table Rock Stars.

PE

Tuesday- Dance and Netball

Friday –Netball



MESSAGES: PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME IN WITH A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY AND ENSURE CLOTHING IS NAMED.