

Miss Mellor's Class

Spring Term 2019



Happy New Year!

Here is an overview of what we will be learning about, in the spring term.

Our cross curricular topics are '**Journeys**' and '**Happily Ever After?**'.

Literacy

In line with the national curriculum, Literacy lessons focus on vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation, which we tackle through reading and writing texts, which link to our cross curricular theme. In the first half-term, we will focus our writing around a text called 'The Bear and the Piano' as part of a MAT writing project and investigate the explorer Amelia Earhart.

After half term, our reading and writing will be to do with castles, dragons, traditional stories and fantasy stories.

As reading is part of the regular homework, it is important to listen to your child read and sign their reading diary, at least three times a week. Children have opportunities to read during the day, so it is important that they have their books in school every day. When children have finished their reading book, please remind them to put it in the 'yellow box in the classroom and we will aim to change their book as soon as possible, usually on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Guided Reading group sessions take place weekly in class.



Numeracy

The Numeracy topics, taught throughout the year, are in accordance with the new national curriculum and are as follows: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; measurement; geometry (properties of shapes and position & direction) and statistics.

Quick mental maths and accurate, speedy recall of times tables are promoted in school and should be practised at home. All children have times table cards to record their progress, where they work towards bronze, silver, gold and platinum stickers.

Homework

Children will be given a homework project to complete every two weeks. Homework will be given on a Friday afternoon and should be handed in no later than a week on Thursday from the date given. (I will put the hand-in date on the homework as a reminder, don't worry)! Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework to support our learning in school. There are lots of resources on Espresso to help children with their learning - go to <https://online.espresso.co.uk> and type the school's username student28055 and the password forest.

Science

During practical sessions, children will have the opportunity to develop their investigative skills e.g. identifying, classifying, performing tests with simple equipment and collecting data to answer questions. Topics covered throughout the year include living things and their habitats (plants, animals and humans), using everyday materials and seasonal changes.

History & Geography

In History we will compare transport in the past with transport in the present. We will also look at the effect of transport on the environment. In Geography we will learn to use compass directions to aid navigation. We will practise using a world map to locate continents and seas. We will also look at weather in different hot and cold countries and types of extreme weather.



ICT

This term we will use Espresso to learn about block coding and explore how to use the internet safely.

PSHE/SEAL

During this lesson we deal with the social and emotional aspects of learning, which affect our everyday lives. This term's topics are *Going for Goals* and *Good to Be Me*. British Values are also discussed in these lessons.

Music and German

Music will continue to be taught by Mr Chapman, on a Friday morning and Mrs Butt will teach German to the children, on a Wednesday afternoon.

Art/Design & Technology

Art and DT will be linked to our cross-curricular topics and based on the work of famous artists and designers.

Aprons are provided, however, an old shirt or T-shirt can be brought in so children can wear it over their uniform, if you would prefer.

Religious Education

This term we will investigate the religious journeys of special people in different religions. We will also learn about why Easter matters to Christians.

Physical Education

The children will have 2 hours of PE each week, which continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons with myself and Wednesdays with ASM.

Children should have their Great Wood PE kit in school for these lessons: t-shirt, shorts, trainers (and/or pumps), jogging bottoms and jumper.

Please ensure your child's name is on all parts of their PE kit and school uniform.

Weather permitting, all children will run or walk the 'Daily Mile', so please make sure their trainers and water bottle are in school every day.

If you have any questions or queries please come in and see me at school. You can ring the school office to make an appointment, or try to catch me after the school day.

Thanks

Miss Mellor

