



Indigo Class

Autumn Term Newsletter



Maths



Over this term we will be looking at the 4 operations, adding, subtracting, multiplication and division, alongside completing work on number and place value. We will also be working on shapes and fractions.

Every two weeks we will be completing a Star Thinker that is based on the work but encourages the pupils to solve reasoning questions. We will also be using the new maths scheme - Busy Ants, again encouraging the pupils to solve reasoning type problems and to work independently. Homework will be set using different games and activities from this new scheme, sometimes on the computer and sometimes on sheets.

Every week we work on our times tables by completing the 22, 33, 44 clubs, we only have 4 and a half minutes to complete them, so keep practising!

English



Our narrative for this term will be Counting on Katherine, the bold story of Katherine Johnson, the extraordinary mathematician. Through this text we will be looking at non-chronological reports and learning all about space.

Guided Reading

We will be encouraging children to develop a love of reading through the use of class texts as well as group texts. This term we will use....

We will also be focusing on our great online resource, Lexia. A reminder of passwords and log in details will follow shortly.

Spelling and Grammar

We are following the whole school spelling programme - No nonsense spelling, every day we work on a different spelling rule and explanation. Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday.



This topic teaches the children to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They explore and use keys to identify and name a variety of living things.

RE and PSHE

This half term we will be looking at the question 'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?' bible referencing, art and architecture as well as poetry and reflection.



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History

Our main focus will be ancient Egypt, but initially we will be looking at, and comparing other ancient civilisations.



Computing

To start the new school year, we will be focusing on E-safety. Discussing the importance of staying safe online, passwords.

D&T

Design & Technology

We will be looking at the design and structure of kites, looking at their history and uses both as a tool/resource as well as a sport/recreational toy.

Music

Music will be taught every Wednesday by Mrs Whitely focusing on timing, clapping and rhythm.



PE

This term we are focusing on invasion games, being taught by Mr day and ASM.



This year we are introducing our new Foreign language programme, run by Mr Day, we are learning Spanish phrases focusing on greetings, days of the week and colours.



Useful Information



Our PE days are **Monday and Thursday**. Please come to school in your PE kit.

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday, each week a piece of math, English and spellings are set.

We ask that you read at least 5 times a week and have 5 signatures in your reading diaries. Diaries are collected in on a Friday to give out House points! Remember, keep reading and log into Lexia. Reading books will be coming out next week.

It sounds like a busy but fun term and it is lovely to be back. Any questions please come and ask.