

Yellow Class

Autumn 1 Newsletter



<u>RE</u>

Throughout this half term, we will be focusing on the story of creation and will discuss what this story tells Christians about God and the world. We will explore the link between creation and Christian concepts such as trust and mindfulness and compare the Christian creation story to that of other religions.



Maths

Over this half term we will be looking at number and place value, addition and subtraction and will begin to move on to multiplication and division. This will be through practical activities to begin with, moving on to some written methods when we are confident. We will also be doing some work on shape and measurement. Throughout each phase of learning, children will consolidate their learning through solving reasoning problems. Each week, we work on our times tables using both TT Rockstars and the 11-99 club. Our focus in Yellow Class will be on fluent recall of twos, tens, fives and three times tables.

English

Our focus in English this term will be on the narrative, 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson. Using this fantastic text, we will be looking at sequencing and retelling stories and writing our own parts of a story.

Guided reading

All children will continue using Lexia in school to support their reading and we will introduce a new daily guided reading scheme, 'Pathway to Reading.' Our first book is 'The Troll' by Julia Donaldson.

Phonics/Spellings

We will continue to follow the phonics scheme – Read, Write, Inc – and will be learning several new sounds each week. We will be following our new whole school spelling programme, 'Pathway to Spelling.' There will be four spelling lessons a week alongside our weekly spelling test. Each term a spelling overview will be sent home and tests will take place every Friday.

Science

During our science lessons, children will explore their local area to find out about the different plants and animals that live in their locality. Children will learn to name and identify common wild and garden plants, including trees, so they are familiar with common names. We will be also be observing closely to spot the changes in plants and trees between seasons.

Geography

Exploring our weather and seasons topic, the children will observe and identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and talk about changes by using weather-related vocabulary.

<u>Art</u>

To support our Geography Topic, we will be focusing on nature art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. The children will learn about primary and secondary colours, shape, pattern and sculpture.



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Computing

This half term we will begin by looking at E-Safety and the importance of using technology correctly before using software to create digital artwork.

Music

Music will be taught every Wednesday by Mrs Whitely focusing on rhythm this term.

PSE

We will focus on how to recognise and talk about different emotions and the ways we can promote self-care techniques. We will also discuss the importance of friendships and the characteristics of a healthy friendship.

Spanish

In Spanish lessons with Mr Day, we will be looking at core Spanish vocabulary. We will learn numbers, colours and how to greet someone in Spanish.

PE

All children will take part in two PE sessions each week, delivered by myself and ASM. The children will be focusing on games and teambuilding. They will use basic throwing, hitting, rolling, catching and kicking skills and make decisions on positions, interceptions and retrieving.

Useful Information

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please come to school in your PE kit on both days and remove all jewellery, including earrings.

All children have access to Lexia and TT Rockstars (times tables) at home. If you require a log in reminder for this, please get in contact.

A piece of English and Maths will be set each week on a Friday, this may be set using Education City. Homework needs to be completed and submitted by the following Wednesday.

Reading Diaries are expected in school every day. Each week, we ask that children read 5 times a week and it is recorded in the reading diary.

It is going to be a fabulous, fun, busy term and I thank you in advance for your help and support for the upcoming year.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to us or email me at – zcadman@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk