

# <u>Green's Curriculum Newsletter</u> Autumn 1 2022





## <u>RE</u>

Throughout this term, our RE focus is 'What are Festivals of Light?' The children will deepen their understanding of festivals as celebrations of religious stories, explore how light and dark are symbols of good and evil in many faiths and look at Jesus as the light of the world. In addition to this, the children will learn about and explore the story and celebration of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.



### Maths

This term we will be starting with number and place value before and moving onto the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In addition to this, we will also be looking at properties of shape. We will be using TT Rockstars weekly and completing our 22,33 clubs at least twice a week.



# English and Reading.

In our English lessons this term, we will be using the text, 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura, creating setting and character descriptions before moving onto writing our own stories linked to the Stone Age. We will continue to use our daily guided reading scheme, Pathways to Reading. Our first book is called, 'Sea Book' by Charlotte Milner.

# **Spelling**

This year, we will continue to follow our 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 be every Friday. The children will be expected to spell a minimum of 6/10 spellings.



## **Science**

This term our topic is based on Rocks, Soils and Fossils. This unit will allow the children to work scientifically on a variety of quick investigations and longer tasks to learn about rocks. This topic covers the properties and uses of rocks, the rock family, soils and finally fossils.



## Computing

In Computing this term, our focus is E-Safety. As a class, we will be looking at the importance of staying safe online, keeping passwords safe and cyberbullying.



# **Spanish**

Mr Day will be leading Spanish again this year. This term, Green class will be looking at vocabulary relating to different types of houses and names of rooms.



#### Music

This term, Mrs Whitely will teaching music to the children. Green Class will be learning simple songs to explore beat and rhythm, In addition to this, they will also be developing control with percussion instruments.



# **History**

The children will explore how life changed for people during different periods of the Stone Age, including the Early, Middle and New Stone Ages. They will cover why the period was called the Stone Age, and what archaeological evidence there is from the period, particularly in the form of artefacts and monuments. The main focus will be on the New Stone Age and how that contrasts with the earlier periods. The children will look in detail at the Neolithic settlement at Skara Brae and the conclusions we can reach from the evidence found at the site.



## PSHE/RSE

This term, the children will be continuing with our whole school scheme of work called SCARF, which is incorporated within our school values. Throughout this term, our topic is 'Me and My Relationships'. We will look at the school rules, being a good friend and thoughts and feelings.



## <u>PE</u>

This term the children will be focusing on invasion games and team building. This unit will enable the children to show awareness of opponents and teammates when playing games, perform basic skills of rolling and striking and kicking with more confidence. In addition to this, the children will apply these skills in a variety of simple games and will make choices about appropriate targets, space and equipment.

# General information

PE days: Wednesday and Friday, please come in full School PE kit.

<u>Homework:</u> 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 handed in by the following Wednesday.

<u>Home reading:</u> Reading Diaries will be collected in every Friday. Each week, we ask for a minimum of 3 signatures to be recorded in the diary if your child is in Year 2 and 5 signatures in Year 3. A small amount of play time will be missed if children have not read at home.

If you have any questions, please come and chat to us or email me at - <a href="mailto:green@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk">green@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk</a>

Many thanks for all your help and support for the upcoming year.