

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of a very busy Autumn Term. We hope that you all had a lovely summer break! Listed below is some of the work we shall be doing in the various areas of the curriculum.

Our theme this term is "Let's go exploring!"

We will be covering a variety of work related to the following curriculum areas:

Mathematics: We will be following the National Curriculum in line with our calculation policy. Throughout the term the children will be applying and consolidating skills and developing mathematical fluency in the following areas:

Number: Number and Place Value
Number: Addition and Subtraction
Number: Multiplication and Division
Number: Fractions
Measurements
Geometry: Properties of shape
Geometry: Position and Direction
Statistics

English: This term we will be exploring lists, labels and captions, diary writing, non-fiction texts and creative writing through the stimulus of 'The Great Explorer' and a series of Oliver Jeffers books. As well as looking at spelling punctuation and grammar.

Science: Our science work is based on Earth Explorers. The children will be looking at different landscapes with a particular focus on the Polar Regions. We will be thinking about different habitats and posing questions such as; What lives in the ocean? What is an Iceberg? How would you keep warm in the Arctic? Children will also participate in scientific investigations. This work will also be supported through regular visits to Forest School. (Dates to follow) In addition towards the end of term we will look at Light and Dark.

Computing: The children will have experience of using a range of computer programs within the 2Simple range including word processor, drawing packages, programmable devices and data handling. They will have regular use of our laptops and iPads to support learning across the curriculum. They will also be using internet search engines to support research on "The Great Explorers".

History: The Children will be learning about significant explorers throughout history. We will look at what countries they visited and talk about their discoveries. We will be looking at great explorers such as: Robert Falcon Scott and Sylvia Earle. In addition to this the children will get to meet a real-life explorer in Forest School, to look at equipment.

Art: This term our Art theme is 'Light and Dark'. The children will be exploring different ways of creating shades and tone. Children will be using different media in this theme to create silhouettes of themselves. We will also look at contrast too.

Design and Technology: Our project this term is to design, make and evaluate a shelter structure. We will be thinking about survival skills and what explorers have in their environment to build and construct a safe shelter. We will be working in Forest School to construct dens and lean-to shelters using tarpaulins and logs. We will be working in groups to develop team work and collaboration.

Geography: The children will be linking history and geography together as they look at different explorers. This half term we will be exploring the 7 continents of the world alongside the 5 oceans. Later on we will focus on the polar climates.

PE: Please ensure the children have an indoor PE kit and one that is appropriate for outside. We will be doing Gymnastics and Dance this term. Ms Perks will be running some of the P.E. lessons each week.

Clun: (indoor) Monday (outdoor) Wednesday
Long Mynd: (indoor) Tuesday (outdoor) Wednesday
Wrekin: (indoor) Tuesday (outdoor) Wednesday

PSHCE: The children will be reflecting on a variety of issues throughout the term based on the themes of: Relationships – communication, options, forgiveness, stereo-typing, achieving goals and anti-bullying.

The Values this term are: 1st Half: Kindness 2nd Half: Joy

RE: The children will be looking at 'What do Christians believe God is like?' and 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'. Children will also take part in a Harvest Festival Assembly and towards the end of term will look at the Christmas Story. In addition, children will be exploring Bible stories through music and drama.

Reading: The children will explore a number of reading activities on a daily basis. The children have been encouraged to choose and change their own reading books when necessary from the appropriate colour-banded box. Please encourage your child to bring their reading diary every day. Thank you in advance for all your support in listening to your child read at home, we appreciate all the comments in their reading diaries.

Homework: We appreciate your support in daily reading, spelling and number practice. Weekly spelling work will be sent home as well as Maths work and occasional topic work to follow up. Homework books are sent home on a Friday to be handed in on the following Thursday. Don't forget Bug Club where you should find books allocated to your child as well as some grammar and spelling games from time to time. You should be able to access Numbergym and MyMaths to develop and strengthen your child's maths skills.

Please pop in if you have any queries or questions.

Regards,

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