



Creation

Friendship

Wisdom

Forgiveness

Reverence

Respect

Literacy topics this term

Reading: The Year Five and Six pupils will be working on book recommendations throughout the term and we would like to take this opportunity to remind and encourage the children to read a wide range of books and stories and record their reading in their reading records. In guided reading we will be working in four groups. The children will be working towards targets in authorial intent; answering longer comprehension questions stating the point and backing it up with evidence from the text and an explanation. The children will be commenting on the text types that are used in non-fiction and identify the styles of particular poets. The class book this term is 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver.

Writing: Writing will be a key focus this term as usual and the children will be given many opportunities to develop their authorial skills including: persuasive writing in a formal and informal context; a range of poetry challenges and science reporting. Spelling, grammar and punctuation will be taught daily. Topics will include: nouns, pronouns, determiners, verbs, adjectives, sentence types, phrases and clauses, compound and complex sentences. The children will have daily short spelling lessons and will also be required to learn a short list of spelling each week which will build to a detailed knowledge of the words included in the year 5/6 spelling list (this can be found in the learning journal).

Numeracy topics this term

Maths: In numeracy, we will be starting by looking at negative numbers and orders of operations. We are then moving on to looking at simple algebra and then angles. We will be problem solving using measurements of mass and we will be learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. The children will be practicing a progression in calculations and practising and extending reasoning and problem solving skills throughout the term.

Other topics for this term

Science: Our science topic will be living things and their habitats. The children will study the life cycle and reproduction of micro-organisms, plants, insects and higher animals. They will undertake a series of investigations, observations and experiments into why things live where they do. The children will consider classification and conservation of living organisms.

PHSE: Later this term we will be learning about relationship matters and aspects of healthy living.

Art and Design: Art and design will include outdoor environmental sculpture. The children will look into the impact and range of outdoor, environmental art including the work of Andy Goldsworthy. They will learn a range of sketching skills and use these to design and record their own environmental sculptures.

Geography: The children will undertake a field study of the school grounds and record significant habitats on a sketch map.

Computing: Our main theme this term will be using computing to solve problems using the spreadsheet programme To Calculate (Purple Mash). The children will continue exploring coding and learn more aspects of internet safety.

Physical Education: PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. The children will be experiencing archery with a coach on Wednesday and participate in a rolling program of activities on Friday. This term cross-country starts up again.

Religious Education: We will be studying and visiting a Christian church (Scampton Church). We will also be thinking about our relationship with God and how we talk about him/her.

Modern Foreign Language: The children will be learning Spanish this year. Starting with numbers, colours and everyday words and phrases used in conversational Spanish.

How you can help your child

Home school journal: A hearty welcome back to our home school journals. Could you ensure that any reading at home is recorded in the relevant sections of the book and that your child has an up-to-date record of the homework to be completed. Please feel free to pass notes of a less formal nature on to me in these journals. The learning journals will be looked at by staff once a week.

Messages

Children need to bring their home/school reading book and learning journal back to school each morning.