



Spring Term

Pre-School

This term in Pre-School, we will be sharing lots of Traditional Tales. We will then explore these stories in lots of creative and imaginative play. We will plant seeds to grow beanstalks, role play characters, investigate textures and build bridges, to name a few. We will be learning about the 5 concepts of print as well as continuing to work on our knowledge of sounds and rhymes. In maths we will be working on pattern, number and shapes. There will be lots of opportunities for counting and subitising. Lots of fun outdoors too with work on our ability to skip, hop and climb.



Reception

This half term Reception are going to be learning about cold places like the South Pole. We will be reading the book 'Lost and Found' and learning about animals and people that live in cold places. Then we be learning all about Julia Donaldson and reading lots of her stories ready for our Julia Donaldson dress up day on Friday 31st January! After we are going to learn about the Lunar New Year and how is it celebrated in different places around the world.



Year 1

We are reading Where the Wild Things are in Year 1 this term. We are looking forward to using our imagination and writing wonderful descriptions. We will be linking our art learning to this too, by making wild sculptures inspired by Julia Arkell.

In Geography, we will be learning about our local area before moving onto learning about the 4 countries in the United Kingdom. In Science, we will be learning about the human body, with a focus on the 5 senses. We will be starting the term learning about Place Value to 20 in Maths. Please keep working hard on Reading, Spelling Shed and Numbots too to have extra practise on these important key skills. It's sure to be a busy half term!



Year 2

Year 2 have lots of exciting learning ahead this half term. In History we will be learning about famous explorers and expeditions. We will find out why people want to explore, discuss the famous explorations in the past and how these have impacted on what we know about the world now. We will also be learning about animals and their habitats and will go and explore our local habitats and find out how the animals and plants in these habitats depend on each other. In DT we will learn about wheels and axels and will work in teams to create a moving vehicle. We will also practise producing music in our computing unit.



Year 3

Year 3 will be exploring some very interesting topics this term. Even before the term started children spoke of their excitement of learning about Ancient Greece. We will be covering a wide range of things about this, including different battles, Greek art and even mythical creatures! In Science we will have lots of opportunity to carry out experiments with forces and magnets and in Maths we will learn about different formal methods to multiply and divide. We can't wait to get stuck in!



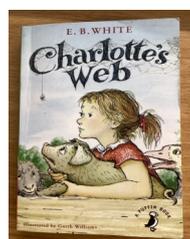
Year 4

Year 4 have a busy half term ahead. I know the children are particularly excited about starting their first History topic, The Ancient Egyptians. We will be looking at sound in Science and focusing on the Islamic faith in RE. Most importantly, we will be starting to increase the amount of practise the children are doing on their times tables in preparation for the check which is coming up in the summertime. I would encourage children to be practicing regularly at home too to help increase their confidence.



Year 5

This half term Year 5 will be studying the book Charlotte's Web and writing a balanced argument and a chronological report. We will also be learning how to write our own limericks. In Maths, we will be multiplying and dividing numbers with up to 4 digits, multiplying fractions, and converting fractions to decimals and percentages. In Science, we will be exploring the properties of materials and looking at reversible and irreversible changes. Within History, we will be learning about what life was like during WW2 and the Battle of Britain. Children will be exploring electrical systems in DT as they create an alarm for a vehicle, and in computing they will be learning about programming. The children will begin learning how to play hockey in PE, focusing on passing a ball and travelling with a ball. Our RE focus this half term is about the values that people live by and our PSHE work will focus on digital resilience and what influences career choices. Please can we also take this time to remind you of the home learning that can be done to support work in class - particularly accessing Spelling Shed weekly can make a huge difference to your child's confidence with spelling.



Year 6

Welcome to the Spring term Year 6. Throughout this term we will be continuing to prepare for the SATs, using revision booklets and practise papers to support our preparation. In English, we will be learning about the story of Macbeth written by William Shakespeare and attempting to write in the author voice when we complete our independent writes. Our Geography focus will be learning about physical and human Geography of America and specifically researching a state of your choice. In Computing we will be learning about changing variables of algorithms to creating our own game on Scratch. A busy term ahead and lots of learning to look forward too!

