

Hedgehog Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer, wasn't the weather wonderful – it's not often we can say that in this country. We are very happy to be teaching your children in this very important year for them. We hope to make this a memorable last year for them in their primary school, whilst preparing them for life in their new secondary school. Our topic this term is Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and this will cover the English, History, Geography, Art/DT and music aspects of the curriculum.

English

During English lessons we will be using a class novel, "Beowulf", by Michael Morpurgo to explore and write character descriptions, narratives and poems. We will be identifying the meaning of new words through use of knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes. We shall also be revising homophones, antonyms and synonyms and how to use dashes, hyphens, ellipses, semicolons and colons. Revising parts of grammar will also form a significant part of our week including active/passive voice and subject/object, as well as nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions and prepositions. The children will extend their knowledge of spelling strategies and apply these to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 5 and 6 word list.

Maths

In Maths we shall learn to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit. We shall round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy. Performing mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers will form part of our weekly timetable. Children will use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations. Children will learn to solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why. We will learn to solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

P.E

This term P.E. will take place on a Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. All children need to have a P.E. kit in school including plimsolls or trainers for outside sessions. No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons therefore the children need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the mornings before school. This term pupils will take part in multi sports on a Monday morning and outside games on Wednesday afternoon.

Science

Our topic this term is Humans and Other Animals and we shall be looking at the following areas: describing the changes as humans develop to old age, identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood, recognising the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function and describing the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

ICT

In computing this term the children will be looking at online bullying and how to stay safe on the internet. They will discuss who to go to if they do not feel safe and how to keep themselves safe when using the internet.

ART

This term we shall be making artefacts associated with the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings - shields, helmets, jewellery and runes. Pottery – making own set of runes.

We really can't impress upon you how very important this final year is to your child. They have to not only learn new skills but also revise those taught previously taught in the last two years. It is a culmination of their primary school education and we want to help your child be the best they can so that they feel they can tackle any task with confidence and achieve.

Home work will be given out on a fortnightly basis. The homework will go home on a Friday and be due back the following Friday. It will have to be quarantined before it is looked at and then new homework will be set ready for the next Friday. Reading books will follow the same routine as the homework. Sometimes homework is online using My Maths or Nessy or carrying out some research. Spellings or grammar are also given as part of the homework task. Please help your child learn these. If you find your child is forgetting to bring homework home, or you have any other concerns, please contact one of the Year 6 teachers.

Lastly a word about reading! Please encourage your child to read each evening, books they enjoy. It is so important in this age of technology that we invest in their future to become lifelong readers. Children are rewarded if they bring back their Reading Record book, signed, with raffle tickets towards a prize. Thank you for your support.

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