

Hedgehog Class



November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 – we hope you have had a lovely half term break. Our topic this term is Europe. We will be learning about European countries and finding out about their climate, mountain ranges, rivers and capital cities. The children will be learning about European music and famous Europeans. In addition they will be learning about Christmas traditions in different European countries.

English

During English lessons we shall be focusing on Nonfiction texts around our topic of France and other European cities. We shall be writing biographies of famous people and learning how to use persuasive writing. Nearer Christmas, we shall be exploring Christmas around Europe. Our work in grammar will be focused on: clause structures; active and passive voice; tenses and informal/ formal voice. We shall continue to extend the children's knowledge of punctuation so that they can incorporate commas, parenthesis, semi colons and colons accurately in their writing. Spelling activities will focus on suffixes, homophones, antonyms and synonyms and applying these to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 5 and 6 word list.

Maths

In Mental maths this term we are continuing with our Superheroes Tables Challenge and quick recall of mental facts. We shall be extending the children's knowledge of fractions including: equivalent and simplifying, lowest common multiple, comparing/ordering fractions and performing $+$ / $-$, \times / \div with fractions. We shall be calculating decimal fractions and converting fractions, decimals and percentages. Our geometry topic will be investigating coordinates along with translating and reflecting shapes.

P.E

This term the children will be taking part in Multi Skills, using and applying these skills in game situations.

Science

Our topic this term is Forces and the children will learn to explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. They will identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces. Pupils will also learn to recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

R.E.

This term, we will be learning about Islam and what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. We will be reviewing the key beliefs of Muslims and considering how these link to various aspects of their lives. We will be learning about pilgrimage, fasting, special places and where they seek help and guidance.

ICT

This term the children are being introduced to spreadsheets. They will learn how to create a spreadsheet. Use the SUM feature to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

ART

This term our art/craft activities will focus on flags of European countries and famous landmarks.

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.

Mrs C Murray, Mrs J Evans and Miss H Tapsell