

English

Our main focus this half term is writing a historical narrative related to our context topic. We will look at developing setting and characters as well as using dialogue successfully. We will also focus on grammar and punctuation such as using commas to make our work clearer to read and using relative clauses to add detail and description. Another focus will be to use a wider range of punctuation such as dashes. We will continue to look at how to improve our own writing through editing and correcting spelling, grammar and punctuation errors we have made. Spelling will also be continued to be taught and practised regularly.

Science

Our topic is 'Properties and changes of materials'. During this topic we will revise the three states of matter & properties of materials as well as introduce further properties – such as solubility, transparency, thermal & electrical conductivity. We will also separate materials using a range of methods & understand that some changes are irreversible and discuss the formation of new materials.

History

Our topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. This will involve placing early people into the context of British History, looking at how we have got our knowledge of the past and comparing and contrasting change over time.

Other subjects:

We will also continue to be improving our skills, knowledge and understanding in: **French, Computing, R.E., P.E.** and **Music** this term.

How you can help your child:

Reading: Please **sign reading logs** and encourage your child to be reading a range of stories and non-fiction. Listen to your child read regularly and discuss with them what has been read as well as ensuring your child completes their journals.

Spelling: Please support your child in learning their weekly spellings as well as the Y5/6 expected words. Spelling words will be listed on **Spelling City** where they can be learnt through games. Please encourage your child to use it! The year 5 spelling rules can also be practised on reading eggs. **Spellings must** be practiced at home every week as the children will be tested on them weekly.

Maths

This half-term we will be focusing on: **formal written methods for multiplication and division, fractions (including equivalence, comparing and ordering fractions, as well as adding and subtracting fractions) and begin to explore decimals and percentages.**

At Parents Evening you will be given the children's most recent tests. This will give you an insight into your child's current level of knowledge and understanding and which areas of maths you should support them with at home.

If you have any questions about the methods we use or how best to support your child in maths, please come and see me or send me an email. I'm happy to help!

Dates

Parents Meetings: Monday 22nd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January

Class Assembly: TBC

Trip to Manchester Museum: TBC

PE day: Thursdays

In **PSHE**, we will look at identifying potential risks and solutions to keeping safe. We will also help the children to recognise the people that can help if they feel they are in danger and understand why rules keep them safe. The children will identify ways of resisting negative peer pressure too.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families!

Welcome back after the break. I hope you have all had a relaxing time and the children are now raring to go forward into the Spring term. This term is quite short but we still have a lot to cover so please make sure your child is in school every day and on time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me at the end of the day to arrange an appointment. Alternatively you can contact me via email at:

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Kind regards,

Miss Ridgway & Mrs Charlton.