

Curriculum News

Key Stage 2 – Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a great summer. The new Year 3's are settling in well and we are looking forward to an exciting and productive term in Key Stage 2. We will continue to work hard to 'discover, develop and maximise potential'.

English

The first half-term the children will be enjoying the book 'The Firework Makers daughter' by Philip Pullman. We will kick start the English unit with poetry where the children will play around with words in order to make fantastic poems with great imagery.

The children will learn an adapted version of the story and then innovate by creating their own version.

We will then look at some non-fiction writing. The story tells of a girl named Lila who wants to be a firework maker. She has made all sorts of the fireworks. The children will design their own recipe for a firework and write a set of instructions.

Pupils will be getting daily spelling, punctuation and grammar teaching.

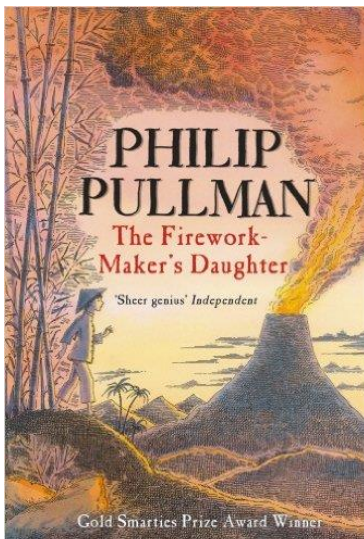
Numeracy

We are teaching the different areas of the maths curriculum, including, counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts, understanding shape, handling data and measures.

There will be an emphasis on problem solving to deepen and enrich the children's understanding of mathematics, alongside promoting high expectations of key skills.

In Key Stage two we also start the afternoon with a basic maths session. This is to support children with securing basic number facts and mental strategies.

In order to support your child with number confidence can we please request that maths is practised as regularly as reading. Just a little every day really does make a big difference!



Topic

We have launched our topic with an enjoyable WOW day, which involved the pupils making volcanoes. We will be erupting these in a few weeks' time. Watch out for the pictures on the website! Our topic this ½ term is called 'Rockin' around the World' and the children will be learning about the Earth's structure, volcanoes, earthquakes, mountains and the different types of rocks that make up our planet. The pupils' scientific and geographical skills will be enhanced during these lessons.

Few things to remember:

- ❖ Swimming is on a Friday. Pupils from Oak class will be starting swimming **Friday 23rd September**
- ❖ Forest school is on a Wednesday starting with the Year 3's. The Year 4's will complete their forest school after FAME (Whole class cornet tuition).
- ❖ FAME is on a Wednesday.
- ❖ Brain builder is now sent home on a Friday and expected back in the following Wednesday.
- ❖ Our fantastic new homelink books are being used – Please encourage the children to write in the reading record so that we know what your child is reading at home each evening and how they are getting on.

Religious Education

This term we will be looking at how Christians gain inspiration from the teachings of Jesus. We will think about what it means to be inspired and we will ask why some people still find the stories told in the Bible a source of inspiration.



You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.

-Dr. Seuss

Please, Please, Please.....

Remember the importance of regular reading and sharing of books at home. This has a tremendously beneficial effect not only on the children's reading but on their writing and general overall enthusiasm with Literacy. Alongside this, it is also vital that they practise their tables regularly at home. We can assure you that this will really help them with all of their Numeracy work. We really need your support with these areas so that the children reach their full potential.