



11th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and hopefully this year will bring even better things.

This term will be full of wonderful and exciting learning. Our theme for this term is **Rulers**. We will be asking the question on: **What makes a ruler powerful?**

In our **English** we will be covering a range of stories such as the 'Queen's knickers' by Nicolas Allen 'Katie in London' by James Mahew and 'See inside Castles' by Katie Daynes. The children will explore information texts, followed by traditional and fairy tales. They will also be learning poems by A.A Milne as well as performing their favourite poem by heart.

In our **maths**, we will be developing our adding and subtracting knowledge and understanding. The children will also be learning about fractions and place value. We will continue to strengthen our times tables skills as well as applying those skills in multiplication and division questions.

During this term in **science**, the children will be learning about plants. They will learn why plants disperse their seeds and the various clever ways in which they do this as well as get the opportunity to plant different seeds and observe them grow.

For **geography**, the children will build knowledge of seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK, begin to understand the hot and cold areas of the world, as well as developing locational knowledge and early geographical skills.

In our **history** subject, we will be looking into the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.

During our **art**, the children will create sculpture, pop art and learn how to draw facial features to portray different emotions, all through the topic of comic superheroes and inspired by the works of Roy Lichtenstein.

For **DT** we will explore different ways of joining fabrics before creating our own hand puppets based upon characters from a well-known fairy tale. Throughout, we work to develop our technical skills of cutting, glueing, stapling and pinning.

In **PE**, the children will be doing Fitness, Netball, Tag Rugby and Gymnastics.

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Through **RE** the children will be researching the questions: Why do Muslims believe it is important to obey God? (Islam) and What unites the Christian community?

For **computing**, we will be focusing on Algorithms Unplugged and Digital Imagery (web searches).

In **music**, the children will explore sounds on the topic of 'On this island; British songs and sounds' as well as create 'Timbre and Rhythmic Patterns.'

Outdoor learning

We will be taking our learning outdoors often so it would be useful for your child to have a pair of wellies that can be kept in school at all times.

Snacks

Children can buy toast at break time for 20p a slice.

Homework

This term we will be focusing on key skills in maths and English, both in class and for homework. We would be very grateful if you would support your child at home with the following:

Daily reading

Children should spend 20 minutes daily reading their book sent home by school and returning it back to be changed. Please comment in your child's reading record after each reading session.

Times tables

These should be practised regularly at home; knowing these is crucial and the expectation of the national curriculum is that all children should know their times tables in 2, 5 and 10 as well as know the related division facts by the end of Y2.

If you would like to speak to me about anything at all, do not hesitate to contact me either by email or in person at the beginning or the end of the school day or by phone.

Best wishes

Mrs Morgan

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