



Sycamore Class Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term (2) 2023

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	<p>This half-term's novel is <i>Danny the Champion of the World</i> by Roald Dahl. We will be exploring the book and developing a range of comprehension skills through this study.</p> <p>We will use the book as a stimulus for writing, with purposes including discussion writing, descriptive writing, informative pieces and narrative to entertain.</p> <p>Spelling, punctuation, handwriting and grammar skills will be developed through regular teaching and short practice sessions. The emphasis with these skills will be on applying them in writing across a range of curriculum subjects.</p>	<p><u>Spellings</u> Children will record spellings in their planners. Please encourage them to revisit and practise these regularly.</p>
Maths	<p>Fractions, decimals and percentages are the main focus in maths this half term. We will also be looking at volume, algebra and ratio.</p> <p>We will regularly practise skills and concepts learned previously in our daily fluency work.</p>	
RE	<p>The RE topic this half term is 'Christmas'. We will be looking at the biblical perspective of Christmas and studying the accounts given in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.</p>	<p>Our Christian Value focus this half term is 'compassion' <i>'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'</i> – Colossians 3:12</p>
Computing	<p>The focus in computing this half term will be on video production. This unit will be delivered by Miss Sanders from Jam Coding.</p>	
Science	<p>In science, we will be studying the Heart and Circulatory System. We will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and learn how water and nutrients are transported in humans.</p> <p>Children will work scientifically by observing how physical activity affects heart rate.</p>	

PSHE	PSHE this term will focus on the topic of how we can keep healthy as we grow. This is a wide-ranging topic that will cover important issues such as how mental and physical health are linked, how to maintain positive and healthy friendships and how to keep ourselves physically healthy in ways such as cooking a healthy meal.	Alongside our PSHE curriculum, we will be running the NHS 'My Happy Mind' programme on a weekly basis to support children's understanding of the importance of good mental health.
Geography	Our topic in Geography this half term focuses on locational knowledge. We will locate the main regions, countries and cities of Europe (including Russia), with a study of the human and physical geographical features of the continent.	
DT	In DT, we will learn about mechanical systems - specifically pulleys. After studying and analysing how pulleys work, we will then design, make and evaluate our own products that incorporate a pulley system.	
PE	In PE this half term, we will be exploring techniques in dance. Using the story of Robin Hood, we will be learning how to tell a story, express character and use props in a piece of dance performance.	PE days this half term are Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure children have named PE kit in school on these days.
Music	In music we will be looking at melody and harmony, both in singing and playing techniques.	
French	Children will develop their skills in listening, reading speaking and writing French. The topic will be 'The Family.'	

Other Useful Information

Homework

Homework will be given as a topic grid each half term. Instructions will be on this document. The children will also be given maths homework – this will take the form of a worksheet. The maths homework may be given on different days and the children will be given a week to complete it. They will be rewarded with team points for completing the homework on time. If it is not handed in on time, the children may be asked to complete another copy at school in their own time. The purpose of this is to prepare the children for high school and to develop positive habits and self-organisation.

A note from Mr Peters

I hope everyone had a lovely half term. I am looking forward to Autumn 2 and the Christmas festivities! Always a lovely time in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school

With best wishes,

Mr Peters
Sycamore Class Teacher