Brilliant Bodies

Our Learning - LKS2 Autumn 2

A parent-friendly snapshot of this half term's learning and the routines that support progress at home

OUR BIG QUESTION

How do our bodies work and how can we keep them healthy?

English & Maths

English

Reading: We will keep strengthening fluency and comprehension through our established reading routines. Children will discuss unfamiliar vocabulary, locate important details, explain ideas using clues from the text and give clear summaries of what they have read.



Writing: Autumn 2 remains mainly short-burst writing. Using The Heart and the Bottle, The Promise and The Present (short film), children will produce reflective pieces, persuasive writing and short narratives. We will also explore selected poems from The Works through pattern, performance and imitation.

Grammar & punctuation: We will practise linking ideas smoothly, using has/have + a past participle, starting sentences in varied ways, using apostrophes for ownership, choosing Standard English verb forms and punctuating speech accurately.

Spelling: Children will continue the mixed Year 3/4 spelling sequence, noticing patterns and word-building features and applying them when checking their own work.

Maths - Addition, Subtraction & Early Multiplication/Division



- use column addition and subtraction, including exchanging when needed;
- line up place-value columns correctly, even when numbers have different numbers of digits;
- estimate first, then decide whether an exact answer is reasonable;
- use the opposite operation to check an answer and choose an efficient method;
- find complements to 100 and 1,000 using known number facts;
- use arrays to connect multiplication and division;
- understand division as both sharing and grouping;
- use the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and begin applying known facts to multiply and divide by 4.

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Science - Animals, including Humans

Skeletons & movement: Children will learn why animals need skeletons, identify major human bones and explore how muscles pull on bones to create movement.



Food & nutrition: We will look at food as an energy source, sort foods into nutrient groups, use information from food labels and explain what makes a balanced diet.

Working scientifically: Children will group and classify, use models, measure and compare, record findings and use evidence to support their conclusions.

Art & Design - Telling Stories Through Drawing and Making



Children will explore how artists communicate stories through images. They will collect ideas in sketchbooks, develop narrative drawings, experiment with materials and construction, and combine drawing and making in a finished storytelling piece. At the end of the unit, they will select work to share and reflect on how their ideas changed.

Across the Curriculum



Music - Compose & Create

Children will read and perform rhythm grids, use Ta and Ta-di to describe rhythms, keep a steady pulse and explore how beats can be divided. They will create, rehearse, improve and perform their own rhythmic patterns using symbols and stick notation.

Spanish - My Family & Christmas in Spain

Children will learn words for immediate and extended family, use mi/mis when talking about 'my' family, and build simple spoken and written sentences. They will also compare a Spanish Christmas tradition with their own experience and create a Spanish Christmas card.



PE - Hockey & Dance

In hockey, children will practise controlling, passing and moving with the ball while working with others in game situations. In dance, they will develop coordinated movement, rhythm, expression and performance.

PSHE / RSE - Healthy Relationships

Children will explore British values, different kinds of families, how family members support one another, respectful ways to handle disagreements, the qualities of a positive friendship, and how honesty, apologies and kind actions can help repair difficulties.

RE - Christianity

Our RE learning asks: What do Christians believe about who Jesus is, and how did he teach his followers to behave? Children will explore Christian beliefs about Jesus, miracles and key teachings about love, as well as forgiveness and salvation.

Home Learning & Weekly Routines

Daily Reading

Reading every day is expected. Once a book is finished, please note it in the reading record so we know it is ready to be changed at school.

TT Rock Stars & Maths

Please complete at least 5 Garage games each week - more is always welcome!

Free maths workbooks and home learning guides: White Rose resources

Quick-fire practice: Hit the Button

Morphs Spelling

Use Morphs regularly for short, focused spelling practice.

Optional Home Learning & Paper Copies

The Brilliant Bodies Home Learning Grid is optional. Families who would like to take part can choose any challenge together and bring the finished piece in for our Home Learning Gallery.

Prefer paper practice? Please contact your child's teacher for spelling activities or additional maths work.