

Reading

The expectation is that all children will read at home at least three times a week. Don't forget to sign your child's reading journal.

Darwin Class - Autumn Two Topic Leaflet

RESPECT, ASPIRE, CHALLENGE, SUCCEED

Spelling

Children will be set spellings each week. These need to be practiced at home in preparation for their weekly spelling test on Mondays.

Welcome to Autumn Two! Both Miss Thorne and Mrs Zeil enjoy this term of the year - particularly as it becomes more festive in December! We are straight into starting our new units of learning this week - please have a read through the information on this topic map as it will help you support your child with their learning. Having conversations over dinner, or on the way to and from school, can provide excellent opportunities for you to ask questions about what your child is learning across the curriculum. By answering questions and engaging in discussions, your child will be beginning to master their own knowledge and understanding by recalling their learning.

English

This term we will be finishing our unit about the text 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', by completing our explanation of a journey.

We will then move to a week of Poetry, followed by a narrative and newspaper report based on the text The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

We will be building our knowledge of grammatical conventions to use within our writing.

Maths

This half term we will use CanDo Maths to lead our learning in Calculation: covering all four operations - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.

We are seeing lots of progress in the weekly Times Tables challenge - please keep practising! Please encourage your child to use Tackling Tables at home, the Year 4 children will take their Statutory Multiplication check in June, it is important we start preparing now.

Reading/ SPAG

During dedicated Whole Class Reading lessons, the children will engage with a variety of different texts. We will develop our comprehension skills in order to answer a range of questions.

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Science

Our topic this term is Classifying Plants and Animals. We will be learning the characteristics of different classes of plants and animals. We will sort animals and plants—discussing why we have classified them in the way in which we have.

History

This term we will continue our learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will explore their beliefs, philosophy and how they lived.

Geography

Our learning this term will focus on Mediterranean Europe. The children will learn about the countries in this area of Europe, their features, landmarks and their influence in the world.

PSHE

This term our unit is entitled Family and Friends. In this unit we are working to explore our support network and what we do when things go wrong with our friendships. We are learning about the qualities of a good friend and how we can foster these qualities in ourselves.

RE

This term, pupils will deepen their understanding of the ways in which humans express their spirituality. They will explore different ways in which religious people express their spirituality at home - pupils will consider religious and non-religious perspectives on what it means to 'be spiritual' at home.

PE

This term, we will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The children will be extending their understanding of Yoga, and learning about Land and Water safety. Please ensure you keep an eye out for any messages about changes to when to wear PE kit.

Computing

This term's unit will cover logo and branching databases; the children will learn how to give and write their own instructions and classify information in databases.

Art/DT

In Art we will learn about Space. We will use techniques that help us to explore depth in our work.
In DT we will be learning about how to sew different stitches, ending with creating a cushion..

French

Our unit this term is EnClasse. We will learn the words to name objects in the class. The children will begin to write simple French words and learn about the basics.

