

We are Dandelion Class



Year 3 January 2021

Dandelions class at Middlethorpe Primary Academy are excited to continue with our new knowledge based curriculum, which places powerful knowledge at its heart. This half term the whole school will be focusing on Art. To support children's learning we have developed Knowledge Organisers for Art and Science, these aim to help children to retain and recall the essential knowledge that they will be taught. Each Knowledge Organiser includes key dates, people, vocabulary, definitions, events and contextual or technical information that we would like the children to know by heart by the end of the topic. Knowledge Organisers for each class can be found on the website but will also be sent home in their yellow Home Learning books for you to support them in learning the essential knowledge. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the Knowledge Organiser by the end of a half term. Why not have a family quiz? Try asking your child to teach you ten things they know each week. There are lots of fun ways to embed this crucial learning, have fun! Follow us on Twitter, you can contact me on Class Dojo (absence reports to the office please) or by email.

SPRING TERM SUBJECT FOCUS

We will be focusing on Art.

Our Enquiry question is:

Can I create my own composition inspired by nature?

We will explore artist's work, practise water-colour techniques and produce our own water-colour piece.

In each subject we will be learning:

Science: Forces and magnetism

PE: Basketball skills and match techniques

PSHE: Dreams and Goals

RE: Could Jesus really heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?

ICT: Digital Literacy - effective research

English and Maths

English: We are reading the beautiful book, The Tin Forest.

Maths: We are practising place value, ordering and rounding and refining formal written methods (the 4 operations).

Important Information

Outdoor PE day is **Thursday**, children need to wear suitable outdoor PE kit including trainers. Please note, PE kit should be school uniform PE kit and not bright colours, patterns or have large braded logos..

We all need to read 5 times a week please as practise is vital when learning to read. Reading Records will be checked when handed in weekly on **THURSDAY**. Reading books should be changed independently by the children on Thursday unless they are reading a longer book and wish to keep it longer.

HOME LEARNING - reading, Reading Plus, TTRS, Spelling Shed - all children have log ins and password

Lexia - for those who are on Lexia they can access at home.

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