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**Welcome to Heather Class** Year 5 January 2020

Happy New Year! Here at Middlethorpe Primary Academy we continue with our new knowledge based curriculum which places powerful knowledge at its heart. The content has been chosen and carefully sequenced to build on prior learning. Each half term there will be a different subject focus, this half term the whole school will be focussing 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 want 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 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 to quickly and easily see what we are doing in class (see below).

**SPRING TERM SUBJECT FOCUS**

We will be focusing on Art.

Our Enquiry question is:

How do artists use perspective?

We will explore artist’s work, practise drawing techniques and produce our own 3D perspective piece.

**In each subject we will be learning:**

Science: Earth and Space

PE: Interactive Dance and Dodgeball

PSHE: Dreams and Goals

RE: Are Sikh stories important today?

Music: Singing and drumming (samba and djembes

D&T: Celebrating Culture and Seasonality

ICT: ESafety



**Important Days**

Our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** children need to have both their indoor and outdoor PE kits in school all week please in case of any timetable changes.

We all need to read 5 times a week and Reading Records will be checked when handed in weekly. Reading books should be changed independently by the children when they are ready for a new book.

HOME LEARNING should be completed by Friday (it can be handed in sooner) so that we can mark it and put new home learning inside.

Spelling test will be on a FRIDAY. Spellings will be added to SpellingShed each week.

**English and Maths**

**English:** We are reading the book, House Held Up By Trees.

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

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