



Monkton CEP School
Butterfly Class
Newsletter
Term 3- The Time Traveller
'Every child is special'

English

Our new topic, Time Travellers, focuses on if it was possible to time travel and what would you do if you could. Week 2 sees the launch of our new topic, beginning with a Time Traveller day on Monday 13th January. We will be writing narrative poems related to our book, Frozen in time. Using balanced arguments, we will be discussing whether it is better to go back in time or forward in time. Throughout the term we are going to be focusing heavily on spelling rules and patterns. In our final two weeks we will be writing a newspaper report on the discovery of a time traveller. Children will be given a range of homework focusing on spelling rules, reading comprehensions and grammar.

General

Welcome back to the start of Term 3, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a very happy New Year. Our topic for this term is The Time Traveller. We will be finding out about how people change as they get older and how times have change through the years. Our first week is Geography week in school and Class 4 will be finding out about the country of Jamaica.

ICT

Following a recap on how we stay safe when online both at home and at school. While also focusing on their typing ability and typing habits to allowing them to type quicker and with less errors.

Science

In Term 3 we will be developing our knowledge of Animals including humans further, learning about nutrition, the purposes and structures of skeletons and how muscles help us to move. In the final week we will investigate- Why did Icarus fall from the sky? Building wings, then testing them under a variety of environmental conditions.

RE

In RE we will focus our learning on 'How does the Old Testament piece together the story of the People of God?'

Maths

The need to continue to improve our times table knowledge, both in class and for home learning. Children will continue to get a range of Maths homework. Year 6's will be given homework more frequently, to extend and solidify their knowledge ready for SATs. In lessons we will continue to develop our understanding and skills in decimals, percentages, algebra and measurement. We will also be heavily focusing on arithmetic skills and rapid recall of number facts.

PE

The children will work with Team Theme on a Wednesday afternoon developing their gymnastic and dance skills, continuing on into club after school.

Foundation subjects

History- We will be learning about different time periods and the similarities and differences between those periods.

Geography- Talking to people in the community about the local changes they have seen over the years.

Art- Art of Jamaica/ Using a digital photograph of themselves, make a digital montage in the style of Andy Warhol's Marilyn Monroe prints.

Design Technology- Design and making a time machine.

French - Exploring the language and culture of Jamaica- and their greetings. French- recapping basic phrases, colours, and animals.

Music - Learning the Ukulele.

PSHE- Too much Selfie isn't Healthy!

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
Timelines	Culture	Decimals	Conjunctions
Stages	Machine	Place value	Word classes
Cycle	Memorable	Unit of Measure	Synonym
Ancestor	Science Fiction	Percentage	Antonym
Descendant	Chronological	Reasoning	Alliteration

Websites

Topic- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/blue-peter-history-time-travel-quiz>

Science- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9339j6>

English- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

Maths- <https://trockstars.com/>- Times Table Rock Stars
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znjatfr>

Special days/ Come join us

PE is still on a Tuesday PM; HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, then tested on the following week on a Monday.

Dates for diaries:

- Week 1 - launch of spelling Bee for Years 2-6, letters home
- Friday 10th January- Geography week shared celebration- come and join us in the hall at 2:45pm to find out what each class learned and did during Geography week
- Monday 13th January- Bach to the Future- Music in the hall- 9-10am
- Friday 17th January- interim reports home to parents
- Friday 24th January- Spelling Bee year group heats in class to find year group winner
- Friday 7th February- Spelling Bee final in the hall to find the overall school champion
- Friday 7th February 2:30pm Class 4 parents and carers in class to share end of topic learning
- Tuesday 11th February- Safer Internet Day- Together for a Better Internet
- Friday 14th February- End of Term 3