



Curriculum Newsletter



Bramham Shadwell Federation Class 6 January – February 2024

Our learning in class this half term will be focused around the question:
What does freedom mean to someone?

English

- Children will have the opportunity to further explore **persuasive writing**. They will write an advert for the games consoles they designed during our global economy launch day. In addition to embedding persuasive features, they will also develop grammatical knowledge including the **subjunctive form** and gain confidence with **more complex punctuation such as colons and semicolons**.
- We will also be developing **creative writing**. We will start building this skill initially through writing a **suspense** story paying particular attention to **description, mood, precise language choices** and the different types of **figurative language** (metaphors, similes and personification) to connect with the reader.
- Our key reading skill this half term is **inference** and the children will be starting to apply these analysis skills by engaging with the method of: making a **point, explaining** what it means, and backing up the answer with **evidence**.
- We will be exploring extracts from **Sherlock Holmes and other classics** within our reading lessons.

The outcome will be:

- Persuasive advert inspired by the games consoles designed by the children.
- A creative suspense story entitled 'Alma'



Maths

- The initial focus will be applying our fractions knowledge to **decimals and percentages** - converting and finding equivalence between them and finding percentages of amounts.
- Next, the children will move on to **time**, with a focus on 12/24hr conversion, reading timetables and calculating time intervals.
- We will then move on to different units of measurement, **converting units of length, mass and volume**.
- We will interrogate complex word problems, developing an understanding of what a question is asking and how to apply the written methods we have learned to help us solve problems accurately and efficiently.
- Additionally, the **KIRF target** is outlined below; please help your child achieve this target using the attached information.
- Each Friday, there will continue to be a **times tables challenge** where children can tackle their own individual targets. As children master a challenge, they will be given the next step to work on!
- At home, the children should use TT Rockstars to reinforce their times table knowledge.



How can I help / information for helping

Discussion of narratives: Discussing different narrative styles you have come across in your own engagement of stories such as a flashback or an interesting third-person narration.

Understanding inference: Inference is the skill of 'reading between the lines' where children are able to make conclusions using **evidence-based** clues. When you are reading together, or even watching movie or TV programme together you could ask your child some inference questions such as:


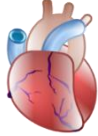

- Why did the character...?
- How do you think the character is feeling?
- Why do you think the setting is....?
- Why is ... important?
- What character would you most like to meet? Why?




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Discuss the time with your child – how long does an event take, can they convert between minutes and hours. Do they understand the units of measurement on drinks and food packaging

KIRF Target – Spring Term 1

- Children can convert between **fractions, decimals and percentages**
Children should be able to express a fraction as a decimal or a percentage e.g. $4/5 = 0.8 = 80\%$
- You don't need to practise them all at once** - start with tenths before moving on to hundredths.
- Play games** – Make some cards with pairs of equivalent fractions and decimals. Use these to play the memory game or snap.

Topic – Geography and Art	SITE	P.E
<p>Focus is: ‘The Global Economy.’ This will be linked to the Geography of the World and explore world trade links and the global growth of industry.</p> <p>Skills / Knowledge to be developed: We will explore import and export and where goods are made globally – what countries do we rely on for the items that we use on an everyday basis? We will consider the impact of ‘outsourcing’ on both a human and environmental scale.</p> <p>Art links: Children will be designing their own logos linked to the concept of global brands. Children will be considering what makes a brand’s logo effective with respect to complementary and contrasting colour choices and reproducing these logos through printing. To support this understanding, children will look at artist Paul Klee who explores colour theory in his art and briefly visit the Andy Wahol Pop Art movement.</p> <p>Applied through: Geography / English / Maths / Art</p> 	<p>Focus is: The Heart</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: The children will be developing their scientific knowledge about the heart and circulatory system. We will use practical tasks to understand how blood collects and deposits oxygen throughout the body. Children will also complete investigations about exercise and present their data and draw conclusions based on the evidence they have found.</p> <p>Applied through: Discussing, understanding and explaining what is happening to the body during PE lessons using scientific language.</p> <p>Computing: More Complex Variables Children will learn how variables can be combined with conditional events to perform tasks like calculations and create interactive graphs.</p> 	<p>Focus is: Sportshall Athletics, Netball and Gymnastics</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: Children will learn different co-ordination and balance movements with fluency and control. In Athletics, children will work on individual and team events, analysing their personal bests and working to improve. In Netball, we will re-cap on the basic skills and develop them through game-relevant situations.</p> <p>Applied through: formulating and performing gymnastics in small groups. Developing Netball skills through team games.</p>  <p>PE is on a Tuesday.</p> <p>Please can children arrive at school in their P.E. kit.</p>
<p>How can I help / information for helping Discuss current affairs from around the world with your child – particularly anything to do with trade and global products e.g. How will US trade tariffs affect us when the iPhone is made? How trading in Europe might be affected due to Britain leaving the European Union?</p>	<p>How can I help / information for helping Discuss medical advancements that have allowed people with heart problems to survive. Research what makes a healthy heart and discuss the activities and the food your child does/eats that contribute to a healthy heart.</p>	<p>How can I help / information for helping Please ensure that children have both an outdoor and indoor kit in school (including trainers) for the whole week as other indoor and outdoor sessions might take place at alternative times.</p>

French	Music	PSHE / MindMate	R.E.
<p>Focus is: Adjectives, Daily Activities and Food</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: Children will learn different adjectives that can be used to describe places as well as using them to write sentences in French. They will be able to use their understanding of places to follow a French story. They will also recap their knowledge of food, with a particular focus on the pronunciation and spelling of these words. Children will also be able to express what foods they do and do not like in French.</p> <p>Applied through: Speaking and listening games, French songs and books.</p>	<p>Focus is: ‘How Does Music Connect Us with Our Past?’</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: This unit celebrates a wide range of musical styles. They will explore and learn three songs: ‘My Best Friend’, ‘Singing Swinging Star’ and ‘Roll Alabama’. They will consider how each song connects us with our past.</p> <p>Applied through: learning the song and comparing it with other works, identifying instrumentation, learning accompaniment parts then altering these with their own ideas.</p> <p>This half term, we will also focusing on exploring different English composers.</p> 	<p>Focus is: Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco education (DATE)</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: Children will learn about the risks associated with different substances and how to deal with peer pressure in relation to this. Our MindMate is: ‘Feeling Good and Being Me’.</p> <p>Applied through: MindMate Knowing what positively & negatively affects their physical, mental & emotional health, including the media. Identifying a way of resisting peer pressure. Naming factors that can help them cope with difficult feelings & situations.</p>	<p>Focus is: Christianity</p> <p>Skills / knowledge to be developed: Children will be exploring ‘<i>What do Christians believe about Jesus’s death and resurrection?</i>’ They will consider different narratives from Holy Week</p> <p>Applied through: Exploring artefacts, discussion, art work and we will be organising a visit to the local church.</p>  <p>Please note: We will be exploring this topic for the whole of the Spring term.</p>
<p>How can I help / information for helping Children will learn new vocabulary such as: Fromage Jambon Poisson Petits pois</p> 	<p>How can I help / information for helping When listening to music discuss any feelings, or perhaps memories, you have with the song.</p>	<p>How can I help / information for helping Discuss ‘peer pressure’ and situations where this might be an issue, particularly as the children enter their teenage years.</p>	<p>How can I help / information for helping Read the story or watch the movie of ‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’ and see if you can draw comparisons between the story of Aslan and the story of Easter.</p>

Homework	Any Other Information / Dates for the Diary
<p><u>Ongoing Homework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: a minimum of 15 minutes reading every night (logged by the children and noted in their planner). • KIRF target: See additional KIRF sheet. • Times Tables: Please help your child practise their times tables ready for their test on Friday. • Times Tables Rock Stars: Use TT Rockstars to practise your times tables. Can you improve your accuracy and speed?  • Spellings: Children will receive a paper version of their spelling words on a weekly basis. This will be sent home every Friday. <i>Please see the class teacher if your child has not received a spelling list.</i> If you could spend time over the week practising these with your child, it would be greatly appreciated. • Children will need to practise these spellings using the revision methods they have been taught in class to consolidate the learning of their spelling rules. On the spelling sheet, there are ideas and challenges to support you with your spelling practice at home as well as handwriting opportunities. 	<p>Friday 2nd February – NSPCC Number Day 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day</p> <p>W/C 5th-11th February – Children’s Mental Health Week</p> <p>Thursday 7th March – World Book Day</p> <p>Monday 18th March – Shadwell Year 6 Class Visit to the Church</p> <p>Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day</p> <p>Wednesday 13th March – Friday 15th March – Residential Visit</p> <p>Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. They must remember to take it home every evening to wash the bottle and bring it in to school already full. This will ensure that the bottles are kept clean and germ-free for the children’s use each day.</p> <p>To keep our children safe, please can we politely ask that you refrain from using the school field and climbing equipment after school and please leave the grounds as quickly as possible.</p> 
<p><u>Maths / English Homework</u></p> <p>One piece of Maths homework and one piece of English homework will be sent home each week.</p> <p>Homework is given out on a Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to discuss their homework at home in order to help them develop their explanation and reasoning skills.</p> <p>Children will be set an optional Learning Log activity once during every half term. This will be related to the Enriched Curriculum. On weeks when this is set, it will replace the Maths and English homework.</p>	

Thank you, as always, for your continuous help and support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office who will pass them on to me and I will contact you by phone as soon as possible.

Miss Hole