



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Osprey

RE

We are following Come and See to deliver our RE curriculum.

We will be starting our half-term looking at Vocation and Commitment in the first part of the half term before moving on to Expectations – our Advent topic.

Maths

This term, we are focussing on the mathematical skills that we know underpin our understanding and enable us to freely focus on our Reasoning and Problem-Solving skills.

We will be finishing off our work on the four operations before moving on to fractions. All of this (particularly fractions) is underpinned by a good knowledge of the times tables. Please ensure that your child logs on to Times Tables Rock Stars for 10 minutes every day as part of their homework.

Children who struggle to complete this at home can complete it in school at lunch time in homework club.

I hope the children had a relaxing half term and are recharged for the lead up to Christmas! The children have settled in well and are re-establishing their routines. I will regularly update the class story on Dojo with what we're getting up to... Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Science

This term in Science we are looking at 'Light and Seeing', specifically: how we see, how light travels, investigating shadows and understanding and investigating reflection including refraction. We will also explore significant scientists and the role of an optician.

History/Geography

We will conclude our learning about the Anglo Saxons and Viking Britain before moving on to our first Geography topic of the year – Desert Biomes. In this topic, we will recap key skills and knowledge such as using an atlas and the continents. We will locate deserts on world maps and understand the difference in biomes across the globe.

PSHE & Wellbeing

During the term we will be exploring British Values, online safety, money, mental health, manners and water safety. We will be using Ten:Ten Resources to support our RSE curriculum. This term, our focus will be:

- Online Safety
- Self-Talk
- Looking after ourselves
- Water and Firework Safety

We will be taking brain breaks when needed and having open discussions about worries or concerns as/when issues arise.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on a **Monday and Thursday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in an outdoor PE kit. This should consist of: shorts/jogging bottom/Leggings (which should be plain/dark in colour), a white t shirt and suitable footwear.

English

In the lead up to Christmas, we will be reading Michael Morpurgo's wonderful book: The Best Christmas Present in the World. The children will be conducting additional research into WW1 and the Christmas Truce to fully appreciate the context before writing with the purpose of informing the reader through biographies, non-chronological reports and newspaper articles.

During our VIPERS (Guided Reading) sessions, we will use short extracts from various texts which will give the children the opportunity to develop their retrieval and inference skills; particularly focussing on extended answers to inference questions with evidence to support their answers.

Our poetry focus is 'Flanders Field' a poem written by John McCrae in 1915. We will explore the themes of war, peace and honour in the poem.

Spellings- We are delivering our spelling curriculum weekly where the children will have time to learn new spelling rules and practise in class. Additionally, the children will be given spellings to learn for homework for a test each Monday.

Year 6 children will be given additional homework in the spring term.