

CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



ENGLISH

Reading

We will be reading Varjak Paw as our class text, focussing on the vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising.

Writing

We will be writing our own poems linked to our PSHE topic on hopes and dreams.

We will also read a variety of newspaper articles; work in pairs to write reports on a traditional tale and then write our own, linked to the Vanishings in Varjak Paw.

Spellings

We will continue to work on spelling rules and using our knowledge of phonics to support our independent writing.

SPAG

We will be focussing on accurate use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

We will also use inverted commas and know where to use commas to write speech.

We will use apostrophes for possession and contraction.

IMPORTANT DATES

PE: Tuesdays and Fridays

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DEAR PARENT

Happy New Year!

Let's hope we are all able to stay safe and well this year.

I hope this leaflet gives you an idea of the topics we will be studying this half term along with the knowledge and skills we will be focussing on.

Please continue to listen to your child read as frequently as possible. Dalston Dollars will continue to be awarded to children who have their reading records signed at least 4 days each week.

It would be helpful if children didn't wear earrings on Tuesdays and Fridays to avoid them having to remove them for PE.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Recommended Reading for Pleasure

The Works- Pie Corbett

Any compilation of poems by Paul Cookson

First News (Junior Newspaper)

Cliff Hanger – Jacqueline Wilson

Lizzie Dripping – Helen Cresswell

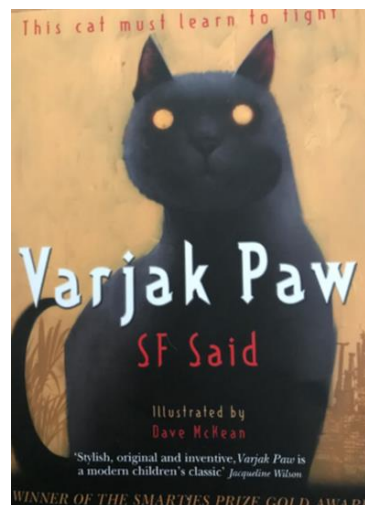
The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy

Desirable – Frank Cottrell Boyce

Horrible Histories, Rotten Romans – Terry Deary

Horrible Geography – Anita Ganeri



MATHS

We will continue to use TTRockstars to improve our speed, recall and accuracy of multiplication and division facts.

We will multiply 2 digits by 1 digit as well as 3 digits by 1 digit.

We will divide 2 digits and by 1 digit.

We will be finding the area of rectilinear shapes.

We will draw fractions of shapes and use the words numerator and denominator.

We will find equivalent fractions.

We will add and subtract fractions using diagrams to support our understanding.

Our KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) this half term is the 9 and 11 times table facts, including the related division facts.

We will use our mathematical knowledge to solve problems, working with others to explain and prove our reasoning.

ART

Knitted Knowledge:

We will explore the works of Andy Warhol.
We will know what Pop Art is.

Super Skills:

We will know how to use the blotted line technique.
We will experiment with block colours.
We will explore bold colours, lines and shapes, that are characteristics of Pop Art.

RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS

Knitted Knowledge:

We will know what a parable is and where to find them in the Bible.
We will know the difference between right and wrong.
Know how to treat others with respect and begin to recognise and challenge discrimination.

Super Skills:

We will recall parables and explain the message within them.
We will link parables to our own lives.
We will explain how some people's beliefs might affect their actions, behaviours and lifestyle choices.

COMPUTING

Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to change the composition of an image.
We will know the positive and negative effects that retouching can have on an image and that not all images are real.

Super Skills:

We will be able to describe ways people can make themselves look different online.
We will choose appropriate tools to retouch an image.
We will sort images into 'fake' or 'real' and explain my choices.

SCIENCE

Knitted Knowledge:

We will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.
We will know that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled.
We will know how evaporation and condensation are linked in the water.

Super Skills:

We will be able to measure or research the temperature at which evaporation and condensation happen in degrees Celsius (°C).
We will know how to conduct a fair experiment.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



LOVE

"Love is patient and kind,love never fails" 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

What does love feel like to you?

Can you think of some words of your own to finish the sentence 'love is.....?'

What could you do to help spread love and kindness to others?

PE

Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to use movement to convey emotions, feelings and characters.
We will know how to control our breath to relax in yoga.

Super Skills:

We will remember and repeat actions to create dance ideas in response to a stimulus.
We will use actions, dynamics, spacing and timing to relate to a theme.

MUSIC

Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to care for instruments.
We will know what rap music sounds like.
We will know the origin of rap music.

Super Skills:

We will learn and perform a rap.
We will evaluate our own and others performances.
We will keep a steady beat.

PSHE

Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to make a new plan and set new goals even if we have been disappointed.
We will know how to work out the steps we need to take to achieve a goal.
We will know how to work as part of a successful group.

Super Skills:

We will have a positive attitude.
We will identify what resilience is.
We will be able to cope with disappointment.
We will enjoy being part of a group challenge.

FRENCH

Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to ask a partner a question 'Aimes-tu...?'
We will know French words to help us when we shop.

Super Skills:

We will greet and respond to a partner
We will ask and answer questions
We will take part in a role play speaking French