

# Sapphire Class Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back to the start of a new school year!  
We hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to Year 5.

Our topic this half term is 'Wonderful Warton'.

Our Gospel Value theme is Friendship.

## English



Non-Chronological Reports  
Biography  
Adventure Stories  
Daily guided reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation



## Maths



Place Value  
Addition and Subtraction  
Multiplication and Division  
Daily arithmetic



How and why do Christians read the Bible?

- How and why is the Bible used?
- Do you need a Bible to be a Christian?
  - Why is the Bible holy?
  - Why is the Bible a best seller?
- Why are there so many versions of the Bible?
- How important are holy books in faiths other than Christianity?

## Topic: History



Wonderful Warton

- Compare current maps of Warton to maps from the past.
- Map how land use in Warton has changed over time.
- Discover how employment in Warton has changed over time.
- Look at key events which would have had an impact on Warton.
- Discuss and evaluate why employment in Warton has changed over time.

## Music



Classroom Jazz

- Explore Latin American Bossa Nova songs and recognise the distinctive rhythms used.
- Name and recognize instruments used in jazz.
- Improvise and confidently play a melody based on 3 notes, in time with accompaniment.

## Computing



Coding

## Science



### Living Things and their habitats

- Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.
- Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.
- Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals.
- Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

## French



### Talking About Yourself

Introducing yourself: name, age, where you live  
Months of the year  
Birthdays

## PE



Mondays ~ Swimming

Invasion Games: Netball

## Art



### Landscapes

- Identify a local rural landscape to focus on.
- Use sketches to develop techniques for creating a landscape.
- Use a range of materials such as pencil, charcoal and paint to experiment with different ways to create a landscape.
- Choose a technique and material to create a landscape piece of art of the local area.

## PSHE



### Keeping Safe

- Managing risk, including online safety
- Norms around use of legal drugs (tobacco, alcohol)
- Decision-making skills

## British Values



### Mutual Respect

- We are all unique.
- We respect differences between different people and their beliefs in our community, in this country and all around the world.
- All cultures are learned, respected, and celebrated.

Please remember to bring these items to school every day:

~ Reading book and home reading record

~ Coat

~ Water bottle



## Our expectations and learning ethos

In Sapphire Class, the expectations are that your child will be a self-motivated and enthusiastic learner. To encourage this, your child has many opportunities to be rewarded through house points, Star of the Week and class rewards. We also hope you will continue to support us in reinforcing our class rules, which we wrote together and agreed as a class, to make our class a safe, happy and productive place to be.



## Homework



### Daily

- ~ Reading to an adult at home every day
- ~ Learning spellings

Reading is so important for your child's development and progress across the curriculum, so please encourage your child by listening to them as often as you can.

### Half Termly

Each half term your child will receive some different open-ended project tasks to be completed by a given date. The projects will be based on the topics we are doing in class and will have instructions about what we want your child to do and how we want them to present it. We would encourage you to support your child and work together on the projects, where necessary, and the children will then share their projects with the rest of the class once they are completed.

All homework will be on the school website for you to access. If your child cannot complete their homework for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

### And finally ...

The education of your child is a partnership between you and us. Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns about your child or feel there is something we need to be aware of. If you cannot see us at school, we can be contacted via the school office.

Here's to a wonderful new school year!

Miss Towers and Mr. Griffin

