

Sapphire Class Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome to the start of a very busy and exciting new half term.

Our topic this half term is It's Electric!

Our Gospel Value theme is Peace.

English



Film and Playscripts
Explanation Texts

Daily guided reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation



Maths



Fractions, decimals and percentages
Measurement
Properties of shape

Daily arithmetic

RE



Christmas: The Gospels of Matthew and Luke

Where in the Bible is the Christmas story?
How are the stories in Matthew and Luke similar/different?

How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?

Where do the ideas of including a donkey and a stable in the story come from?

Topic Geography and History



Wonderful Warton

- A study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality.
- Linking with local History, map how land use has changed in local area over time.
- Compare land use maps of UK from past with the present, focusing on land use.

Music



Notation

Recorder playing

Computing



Online Safety

Science



Electricity

- Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit.
- Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.
- Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram

Design Technology



Electrical Systems

- Understand and use electrical systems in their products.
- Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design.

French



Months

Birthdays

Christmas

PSHE

Valuing Differences

Recognising and celebrating difference, including religions and cultural

Influence and pressure of social media



PE



Mondays ~ Swimming
Tuesdays – Gymnastics
Fridays - Orienteering

Please remember to bring these items to school every day:



- ~ Reading book and 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 half term!

Miss Towers and Mrs. Dean

