

Sapphire Class Newsletter Autumn 2

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



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?

History



Local Historians

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



Notation

Use and understand staff notation.

Read and write notes C, D, E, F, G, A and B on the treble stave.

Play the notes G, A, B, and C on the recorder.

Computing



Online Safety

Science



Animals, including Humans

Describe the stages of human development.

Explain how babies grow and develop.

Describe and explain the main changes that occur during puberty.

Compare gestation periods and life expectancies of animals.

Record data using graphs and diagrams.

French



Animals and pets

Celebrating Christmas

PE



Mondays - Swimming

Wednesdays - Gymnastics

Art



Kandinsky

Explore a variety of artwork by Kandinsky and discuss the techniques he used.

Identify the techniques needed to create a piece of abstract art.

Experiment with different techniques to develop pieces of abstract art.

Evaluate the techniques and choose which to use to create a piece of abstract art in the style of Kandinsky.

PSHE



Valuing Differences

Recognising and celebrating difference, including religious and cultural

Influence and pressure of social media

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,



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

