

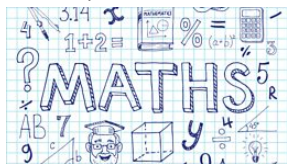
Welcome back - we hope you've all had a nice half-term break and have had a chance to relax!
This half-term will lead us nicely into Christmas with many things to look forward to.

Mathematics

We will begin our mathematics work this half term looking at multiplication and division, including fluency and reasoning/ problem-solving. The children will develop their understanding of methods and techniques used to multiply and divide numbers up to 6-digits and represent such calculations in a variety of ways. Written methods will be taught, e.g. short and long multiplication as well as short division (bus stop).

Following that, we move on to our first unit on fractions. We will be finding equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Reinforcement of multiplication and division facts (times tables) will really help with this unit of work.



PSHE



We will continue to focus on Core Theme 3 this half term by looking at UNICEF's Rights of a Child (46 articles), protected characteristics, equal rights (Equality Act 2010) before moving onto thinking about online relationships (Core Theme 2) and how to keep safe online. This will link nicely with our work during Friendship week (11th-15th November) when we will be delivering Online Safety Hub lessons and thinking about this year's theme 'Choose Respect'.

After this we will be thinking about managing conflict in a range of situations.

DT

In D&T this half term, the children will be doing woodwork. They will have the opportunity to use lots of different tools including saws and glue guns, and, after investigating how to make it as strong as possible, will build a wooden model of a bridge.

Music

Children will have weekly sessions with Miss Tomlin this half term, where they will learn keyboards. Our November listening piece of the month will be world music and our December piece will be classical.



English

The English unit for this half term is developed short stories. The children will be able to write their stories on a topic of their choosing.

We will be focusing particularly on the following skills:

- Strong story openings
- Fronted adverbials
- Relative clauses
- Parentheses
- Dialogue
- Strong story endings

History

In history this half-term, we will be focusing on the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will look at where the Anglo-Saxons and Scots fit into the chronology of British history (with reference to the Romans and the Vikings), investigate literary sources from the time/ artefacts from Anglo-Saxon burial sites, and compare life in Anglo-Saxon times to life today.

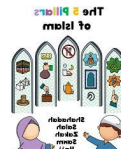
Parent's Information

If you want to support your child's learning at home, here are a few ideas you might like to try:

- Listen, read and discuss with your child the book they are reading at the moment. If you want to encourage your child to read more narrative/fiction asks your class teacher for some ideas.
- Play times tables games and practice division as well as multiplication facts.
- Use Times table Rock stars/EdShed websites at home - your children's log in details are in their diaries!
- Ensure **Century** is accessed and homework set is completed. Follow your child's 'pathway' for additional work.

R.E

In R.E we will be continuing our unit 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'. We will be looking at the fourth and fifth pillars of Islam.



Science

Forces is the title of our science unit. We will be exploring gravity, friction, air and water resistance as well as levers and pulleys. We will also be using force meters within our investigations.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Friendship Week - Monday 11th
November - Friday 15th November
Christmas fair- Saturday 30th November
Parents' Evening- 4th & 5th December
Victorious Voices- Thursday 12th
December
Christmas music concert- Thursday 17th
December
School closes for half-term - Friday 20th
December.