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Summer 2022



Welcome to the summer term!

Our theme this term is 'Our Wonderful World' and we will be linking our learning to this where possible.

In English we will be developing our reading comprehension skills through our work in guided reading, but also in our English lessons as we analyse a range of texts. We will be writing poetry, balanced arguments and information texts linked to our theme as well as narrative texts developing our focus on how to ensure our writing suits the audience and purpose for which we are writing.

In maths we will be focusing on statistics to begin with, learning how to draw, read and interpret line graphs and pie charts as well as using them to solve problems. We will learn to find the mean average of a set of data and will find out how to estimate and measure the volume of a cuboid. We will then move onto shape where we will be developing our understanding of angles, exploring angles around points, in triangles and in quadrilaterals. We will explore coordinates and translations in all 4 quadrants and will develop our understanding of symmetry and reflection.

Science will focus on humans and we will be finding out about changes which occur as humans develop from babies to old age. We will learn about the circulatory system and the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will investigate the effects of exercise on our bodies and learn about how diet, drugs and lifestyle impact on the way our bodies function. We will consider how water and nutrients are transported within our bodies.

In geography we will be comparing and contrasting locations within the UK, Europe and South America. We will find out about the physical geography of these places as well as aspects of human geography including settlements, land use, economy, natural resources and exports and imports. Our UK region will focus on Arran so we can learn more about the island ahead of our visit.

Our DT will focus on structures and will link to our theme work. We will be finding out about famous structures and monuments from around the world and developing our designing, making and refining skills to construct our own replica structures.

In art this term we are focusing on painting skills. We are starting off exploring the colour wheel and mixing colours based on our observations in nature. We will then go on to study the artwork of famous and contemporary artists linked with studies of nature to link with our Wonderful World. Finally, we will look at the landscapes of the Scottish islands ahead of our Arran visit and paint landscapes based on that.

In P4C (Philosophy 4 Children) we will continue with Big Questions this term, sometimes linked with Global learning, sometimes with PSHE and sometimes linked with our Theme. This gives us the chance to think deeply about questions and discuss as a class building on each other's ideas.

In French we will continue to develop our basic vocabulary linked particularly with the weather, seasons and the environment, learning how to put this into basic sentences and ask each other questions.

In PSHE, our main focus this term is developing independence, relationships and our changing bodies. We will be doing Kidsafe with Mrs Perry and learning about puberty and our changing bodies later in the term

In computing, we will further develop our skills on spreadsheets from last term. We will learn how to create graphs from data and create our own spreadsheet to solve a problem, entering appropriate formulae. We will also revise our knowledge about E-safety and the importance of keeping personal information and passwords safe and will make and edit our own safety videos.

RE this half term will focus on Buddhism and will consider the question 'What do we mean by a Good Life? We will consider what is contentment and how we can improve the quality of our lives. After half term, we will move onto Christianity and will be considering the idea of life as a journey, thinking about what the destination might be as we find out about Christian beliefs about what happens after death.

Y5 will continue swimming this term and must wear a swimming cap if their hair is long enough to cover their eyes when wet—this is the policy of the pool. These are available at the pool, or at places such as Sports Direct, or online. Y6 will return to swimming after SATs week with Y5. Our other PE session will focus on a range of outdoor activities, moving on to athletics for the next few weeks, developing our skills linked to running and throwing events.

SATs will be going ahead this year and we have had a look at some papers with the children to allay any worries. We constantly stress in school that these are not something to worry about and my mantra is that the only thing they need to worry about, is what to have on their toast when they come in early that week. Further information will follow about the week itself in due course.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you
Mrs Starr