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Weekly Curriculum Newsletter and Future Dates

The children have made a wonderful start to the new term and settled quickly enthusiastically into the new skills based curriculum approach.

The new themed topics are now begun and watch out for some super display work the pupils produce over the next weeks :

Reception / Years 1 ./ 2 : All About Me

Years 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 : Border Reivers

After a glitch on our website, the topic cycles are now posted under Curriculum – feel free to read.

Each week, staff will provide a brief overview of teaching and learning for the coming week. Please do engage your child in discussion about their daily activities and as you support homework with them – they love you taking an interest .

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT : Thursday 13th September : A celebration of the author Roald Dahl and his books / characters. Pupils can dress up in role and across the day snippets of his writing will be used in fun ways to support learning. The day will include a parade of all the pupils in costume and the Governing Body will select a prize winner from each class, who will be presented with a Roald Dahl book .

Class One – Ms Shannon

Literacy sessions will be linked to the book Anna Hibiscus – a delightful child's narrative that reflects the All About Me theme beautifully. In reading and learning about this central character, a child, the children will compare and contrast experiences and lifestyles with Anna and identify with her emotions and actions. Writing, speech and language, roleplay and reading opportunities will extend their skills in a fun and challenging way.

Individual / guided reading will be ongoing, as normal.

Numeracy sessions will focus on basic number concepts and focus in on how numbers / values can be represented in differing ways and the concepts of counting forwards /back / on and off will be extended using mental , recorded and practical approaches – as well as favourite counting action rhymes and songs.



PE day for Class 1 and Year 2 pupils is Tuesday each week.

Class Two – Mrs Thompson / Mrs Pendleton / Mrs Glencross

In Literacy, the pupils are reading and exploring Folk Tales from around the world. The text we will be using is The Firebird, a Russian tale by Saviour Pirotta. Writing, vocabulary and discussion work will develop from our reading .

SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) is focussed on expanded noun phrases and using a thesaurus to explore and generate synonyms – the learning challenge being that pupils will begin to use more exciting and sophisticated adjectives in their writing.

Guided group / individual reading are ongoing across the week.

In Numeracy, place value and exploration and application of positional mathematical vocabulary, including compass points, is the focus.

Number concepts and operations are ongoing.

Homework weekly will always link directly to the weeks teaching and learning.

P.E day for Years 3 / 4 will be Wednesday each week.

Class Three – Mr Robertson / Mrs Nolan

In Literacy, the class will begin their structured guided reading group work and differentiated writing, spelling, grammar and discussion challenges will be linked to the respective chosen books, and link directly to each NC year group objectives :

Year 4 – Escape From Colditz

Year 5 – Top Speed

Year 6 – Varjak Paw

Individual reader expectations are ongoing. The expectation is a 20 minute reading time and please write and sign their Home / School Reading Record Book.

Weekly spellings can be found and practiced too in their Spelling Homework books.

In Numeracy , multiplication times tables are being taught, explored and applied across all year groups . Place Value using a breadth of digit values and positive and negative numeric values are also a central focus for all years group, at NC linked differentiated objective levels for each year group.

PLEASE practice times table recall with your child nightly. It takes only a few moments but it is a vital mental mathematical skill and fast mental recall knowledge is linked to so many mathematical processes and applications. Your child has a times table book, tables square and laminated numbers in an envelope to help you do this.

PE days are Wednesday for Years 3 / 4 / 5 and 6.



FUTURE DATES THIS AUTUMN TERM

REMEMBER our weekly **Monday Superstar assembly at 9.10am – all welcome.**

. **13TH September 3.30pm** – Mrs Thompson will hold a brief information meeting will Year 2 parents to explain how the curriculum and teaching / learning is arranged for this year group throughout this current year.

. Week of **12th November** : Anti Bullying week linked to our social and emotional aspects of learning programme throughout the school.

. **16th November** : our annual Children In Need Day – our School Council will update you with details of fundraising events as that date approaches.

. **19th December** : Great Orton Christmas School Production.

. **20th December** : School Christmas parties.

On election of our new pupils School Council, a date for Halloween celebrations will be discussed and we will let you know .

A HARVEST Assembly will be planned by staff and pupils in early October – date to be arranged yet. – watch this space !

Similarly, as class educational visits are planned, we will provide dates and details in advance.

We hope these weekly newsletters prove informative and help us in building a good level of communication between us all – although you can arrange to talk with a class teacher at any time should that need arise.

Enjoy your weekend all.

