

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a fabulous Christmas and are feeling relaxed and ready for a brand new term. We were continually impressed by the childrens hard work and excellent attitude during the Autumn term and look forward to seeing even more of this in 2022. Below is a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term.

Maths

Number: Multiplication & Division– Children will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division and write them using the multiplication (x), division (÷) and equals (=) sign. Children will apply these skills to problem solving and reasoning activities.

Statistics – Children will interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables.

English

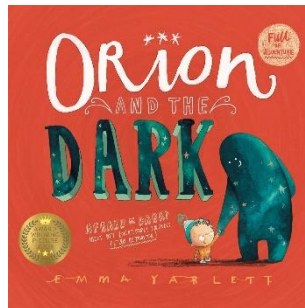
In **English** we will be reading *Orion and The Dark*, where the children will explore character description and write their own narratives. To complete the narrative, children will take part in a 'dark day' to publish their work. The story focuses on the character Orion dealing with his fear of the dark and so they will be completing some of their work by torchlight in the dark.

The children will write about confronting their own fears and write letters of advice on how to overcome these.

Children will continue to develop their cursive handwriting through our handwriting scheme 'Penpals'.

Geography

In **Geography**, we will be considering our wonderful world! Children will revisit prior learning naming the oceans and continents and move to new learning about human and physical geography in different settings. Children will develop their world knowledge through deepening their understanding of climate zones and using compass points to inform this.



Science 'Everyday Materials'

Children will identify and discuss the uses of everyday materials, and become familiar with how some materials can be used for multiple purposes.

We will experiment with materials in a fair test to find which can be manipulated and decide which materials have the most suitable properties for a task. Children will also consider the importance of recycling.

RE/PSHE

- In **R.E**, Children will be looking at symbols of faith and why people pray.
- In **PSHE**, children will be exploring what makes and maintains positive relationships. They will consider resolving conflict and giving compliments as well as different types of relationships.

PE

P.E will involve developing our skills of jumping and landing, linked to gross motor coordination.

We will apply this in a number of cooperative and competitive games. Throughout the unit, children will help, praise and encourage others in their learning.

Music/Computing

- In **Music**, we will be focussing on the song 'I wanna play in a band'. Using our Charanga platform, children will explore beat, rhythm and pace when listening to and appraising the music.
- In **Computing**, will begin to develop their understanding of coding and algorithms. They will write simple algorithms to make a robot complete simple movements.

Our Place in 'Our' World.

During our work in Geography, children will continue to develop their world knowledge and understanding when they consider climate differences, linked to environmental factors.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

During our work in computing when the children write algorithms, they will consider the importance of coding and computing in the work place and what job opportunities this could lead to.

Healthy and Happy Living

In **PSHE**, we will be learning about how to maintain healthy, positives relationships. This will include learning on mental health and the importance of healthy relationships.

Inquisitive Investigators

As **Inquisitive Investigators**, we assess the suitability of different materials for different tasks and how we can change these. This process of testing will put our critical thinking skills to the test!

Important information:

- Our **PE** lessons will take place every Monday. Please ensure that children come to school on Mondays already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day. This must include a white top, shorts/jogging bottoms and sensible trainers that they can exercise in.
- We are now allocating a specific day for each year group to return their reading books on so please ensure that your **childs book bag is returned to school every Wednesday** so that we can take out their previous reading books and send home your childs next set of reading books for the week on the Friday. We will not be changing books on any other day of the week so book bags do not need to be brought into school for the rest of the week. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the GoRead App**
- **Spelling, Big Maths tests and Times Table Rock Stars awards will be on a Friday**, if you have given photographic consent pictures of those who are awarded a certificate will be posted to Facebook.
- Fruit is provided by school for break time and children will receive a carton of milk, if this has been paid for. Children should bring a named water bottle which can be stored in the classroom.