

Blue Class - Spring Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn Term - I hope that you find this a helpful overview of your child's learning this term. If there are any aspects of your child's learning that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to your continued support.

Mrs White & Mrs Norris

Our book for the first part of the term will be: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, the second half terms book will be: *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf. Across both these texts children will complete a range of writing pieces such as: author studies, character and setting descriptions, short stories, advertisements, instructional writing, persuasive writing, diary entries and letters but writing from different viewpoints. We will also continue to cover Year 3 and Year 4 grammar in detail, in line with the new curriculum expectations.

How you can help - Reading comprehension is an important skill that we work on in our English lessons. Please encourage your child to read with you at home regularly and ask them to tell you about what they have read. Learning weekly spellings are very important however children also need to use these within their writing to deepen their understanding.

Our learning will cover fractions, linking fractions to decimal numbers, measuring: focusing on perimeter, areas of shapes, then measuring and reading the time both with analogue and digital times. We will then link our knowledge of decimal numbers with handling money and finally looking at statistics. All topics will include reasoning and problem solving tasks.

How you can help - knowledge of times tables and therefore division facts are key to many areas in Maths, therefore we would encourage all children to continuously practise these. In addition to this children need to draw out / represent their thinking to help solve problems.

Our topics this term will include:

- Through the Monarchies (William the Conqueror, King John, Henry VIII, Queen Anne, Queen Victoria and the modern Royal family.
 - States of Matter extending their ability to work scientifically with Spring 2 having a key focus on setting up and developing their own experiments.
 - RE will focus on Hinduism and the pilgrimages.
- The children will also have weekly Computing, PSHE, Music, Values and Spanish lessons.

The children will receive homework once a week on a Thursday. These consist of a maths piece and a comprehension piece of work. Both pieces of homework are due back on the following Tuesday. Spellings will be handed out on Monday and the spelling test will be carried out on the Friday of that week.

Times tables will be tested weekly on a Friday.
How you can help - Parents can be supportive by reading with their children on a regular basis and practising spelling and times tables with them.

PE will consist of a range of outdoor and indoor activities. Indoor will be: Gym fit circuits, outdoors will be: brilliant ball skills and then striking and fielding. It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor PE kit and are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing for colder weather. Please help your child to remember their kit.
PE: Indoor-Tuesday & Outdoor-Thursday