



Curriculum Newsletter

UPPER SCHOOL - Summer 2021

English In English this term, we will be focussing on the key areas of learning the children need to secure ready for next year.

After Easter, we will begin our unit on the book War of the Worlds. We will explore the text first before writing a newspaper story and an explanation text.

In guided reading, we will continue to work through the reading domains and learn how to use the text to support our inferences and make links and connections between words and text. We will be investigating a range of non-fiction texts to support our work in English lessons.

Reading for pleasure will continue to be a key aspect of our learning and the children will experience a range of different activities such as listening to a class reader, DEAR (Drop everything and read) and class reading cafes.

Knowledge & Understanding

Science We will begin the summer term by investigating life cycles. Children will learn to describe the different life cycles of different organisms, describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals and describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

RE In RE, we will look at the concept of forgiveness and look at Jesus's parables.

Geography We will consider the key question 'Is Portsmouth full?' We will use maps and data to look at how Portsmouth and Denmead have changed over time and consider the need for further housing in the area. We will link this to housing developments in and around Denmead and hope to make contact with local developers in the village.

Spanish We will continue the learning we started in March on clothes. We will learn the names for clothes and how to describe the clothes we wear. We will continue to revise previous learning including colours, numbers and dates.

Get Involved!

Our expectation is that children should read at least 5x a week at home and reading diaries should be brought into school daily so that they can record reading which takes place in school as well as at home.

Telling the time and knowing multiplication facts and division facts for the tables up to 12 x 12 are essential skills and should be practised at home.

PDL

Having had daily PDL sessions since the children returned on the 8th March, after Easter we will return to weekly PDL lessons. The focus for these sessions, using the programme Heartsmart, will be around shame and how this makes us feel as well as understanding that images we see do not always represent the truth.

We will also investigate the concept of strangers and the risks they may present as well as the NSPCC 'Pants' rule.

Maths

Like English this term, we will be focussing on the key aspects of maths which will ensure that the children are ready for next year.

Year 5 will begin a unit on fractions before revising strategies for addition and subtraction. We will then use our written methods to solve multi-step problems involving the four operations.

Year 6 will begin learning about BIDMAS before exploring calculating with fractions. We will also use our four operations to solve multi-step problems as well as learn about algebra and ratio.

Being Creative

Music We will be writing and recording our own songs on changes.

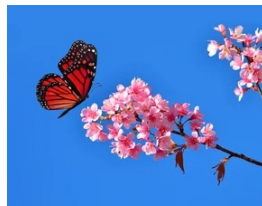
Computing Using our knowledge of data bases, we will explore Excel to learn the key skills needed to create our own spreadsheet before applying this to a final outcome.

DT This half-term, we will be making cam toys. We will begin by exploring cams and how they work, before using this knowledge to design, make and evaluate our own toy.

Physical Education

After Easter we will move back to twice weekly PE sessions, along with opportunities most days to use the running track. Children can still wear their split uniform every day as they did this half-term. Next term, the key sports will be stoolball (a cross between rounders and cricket) and football.

Transformation



Web links (maths resources/games)

<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk>

<https://ttrockstars.com>

(your child should know their log in details)

Key Information

- During the summer term, both Y5 and Y6 will be taught the relevant Relationships and Sex Education as part of their Science and PDL learning. **We will inform you ahead of time when this is going to happen.**
- All children need to bring in a water bottle and coat each day. We will continue to go outside for break and lunch even in light rain.
- Please register your child's **Y5 Bikeability** place online by Monday 19th April.