



Curriculum Newsletter

Lower School Spring 2019

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful holiday. We have an action packed term ahead and already have lots of exciting experiences planned.

Please keep an eye on the Website and Facebook page for more details including class assemblies, an information meeting about Calshot for year 3 parents and our happiness event - Beat the Blues - on Monday 21st January.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle, coat and PE kit in school every day.

English

The first half term will focus on the book *The Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson. The book is partly set within the Himalayas which links with our geography learning. We will be writing newspaper reports, persuasive texts and poems.

After half term, we will be learning to write explanation texts and develop our narrative writing skills.

We are continuing to enjoy different books as part of guided reading and are improving our skills of inference, prediction and summarising.

Being Creative

The art this term will link to our geography learning and we will be using applique to create sea scape pictures.

In DT we will be learning about bread: tasting and evaluating shop bought bread, before designing and making our own.

After half term, we will be learning about sea shanties in music. We will examine the structure and pitch of various shanties before creating our own.

PDL

We will be learning about the ways our attitudes affect our learning. We will link this into happiness month and how we deal with challenges positively.

We will also explore metacognition and the ways in which we think and how this can make us more effective learners.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be exploring the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood and how to identify body parts.



Mountain High... River Deep Mountains, rivers and coasts

Physical Education

Before half term, the children will develop a range of gymnastic and dance skills. After half term, PE will focus on team building and multi-skills.

Maths

We have started the term by looking at co-ordinates and symmetry. Next, we will revisit our learning on fractions and develop our knowledge of tenths and hundredths.

We will apply our addition and subtraction skills in a variety of contexts including measures. In maths express and times tables rock stars, we will continue to learn and reinforce our multiplication and division knowledge.

Knowledge & Understanding

In science we will learn about light and how physical materials react to it.

As part of our computing learning, we will be developing our digital literacy skills by using a range of word and data processing software.

In RE, we will be learning about sacred and special places and consider how they are different to each other and for different religions.

This term we will have a geography focus and will learn about the physical aspects of mountains, rivers and coasts and the impact humans have on these environments.

Home Learning Children should be reading to an adult every day and this should be recorded in their reading record book.

Spellings will be sent home on a Wednesday and will be tested the following week. We will send out topic home learning and times tables to practise shortly. There is a lower school home learning club on a Friday lunchtime which the children can choose to attend to complete their home learning, should they wish. There are lots of fantastic websites and local places to visit linked to our topic should you and your child wish to extend your knowledge on this great topic. It would be fantastic if you were able to visit a river and a coastal area with your child to support our geography learning.