

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a great start to the new school year and we look forward to working with you in Autumn 2.

Here is an outline of the subjects for next half-term:

<b>Topic</b>	Our topic this term is <b>'Who first lived in Britain; Stone Age to Iron Age'</b> . We will be having our 'Stunning Start' day on the first week back where we will be exploring how cavemen lived, creating art and even completing a Stone Henge dance. The children will be taught this term about timelines, comparing lives from the past to now and exploring the progression of homes.
<b>Science</b>	The topic this half term is called, 'Animals (including Humans)'. The children will be learning about how to keep healthy, our major organs in the body, the different foods animals eat and the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. At the end of the term, the children will be consolidating their learning by creating a healthy eating menu for an animal of their choice!
<b>Maths</b>	This term we will continue multiplication and division methods. The children will learn a variety of methods to help them approach multiplication and division problems. We will also begin a unit on comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions. In addition to this, we will begin to learn about time with both the 12 and 24 hour clock.
<b>English</b>	We will explore stories with the same author, focusing on description and settings. The children will read, compare and contrast a range of stories. This will be followed by poetry, with a focus on creating imagery with words. Grammar and punctuation will centre around adverbial phrases, using the comma and basic punctuation accurately in writing.
<b>PE</b>	<b>Poplars:</b> Tuesday & Friday-Invasion Games & Dance <b>Maples:</b> Monday & Tuesday – Invasion Games & Dance <b>Sycamores:</b> Monday & Tuesday – Dance & Swimming
<b>RE</b>	In RE we will be thinking about Advent and Epiphany and how they show Christians what Christmas is really about. We will also be looking at the story of the Nativity.
<b>Computing</b>	The unit of work is called <b>'We are Animators'</b> . The children will learn about basic programming. We will be building on their knowledge of Scratch to create an animated storyboard.
<b>Art</b>	We will be looking at the artist David Hockney and Raoul Dufy. This will be investigating their ideas of 'holiday' in their work and using different media such as painting, pencil work and using iPads.
<b>PSHCE</b>	This term's focus will be on friendships and how we can avoid bullying situations in school.
<b>French</b>	We will be learning new vocabulary through games and interactive activities on the themes of colours, numbers, classroom objects and pets.
<b>Music</b>	In Music, we will be following a scheme of work on Charanga Music School, based around the theme 'Ho HoHo' related to Christmas. In addition the children will be focusing on learning lines, songs and poems for our Christmas show.
<b>Dates</b>	Poetry Recital: 6 November 14:30-15:00, Hall Christmas Show: 13 & 14 December, Hall Tate Photography Project 14 December, 13:15-15:00 (for pupils with photographic permission-on site)

Thank you for your continued support with home-learning. Spellings and homework will continue to be given out on Fridays. Boxes of tissues and glue stick contributions are very welcomed.

Best wishes,

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