

Home School Liaison

Venables

Spring Term 1

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Spring Term 1 Focus Theme: Science; Scream Machine

Focus Reading Text: A shocker on shock street. R.L Stine

Recommended Websites: BBC Bitesize, Times table rockstars, Mathletics, Purple Mash, and Scratch.

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Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum overview is on the school website).

Reading & Writing: This term we will be covering a variety of writing styles. We will start with a short narrative using dialogue. Then move on to Adverts and persuasive texts and finish with some poetry. Reading in school is an important part of the day, the children spend at least 20 minutes reading each day and complete age appropriate comprehension questions every Monday. We will also read our class novel together at the end of the day and discuss what we have read and make predictions base on this.

Mathematics: This half term our focus is Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

RE: Why is the exodus a significant event in Christianity and Jewish history?

Computing: Digital photography and 3D Printing.

Science: Forces and Electricity

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons. Book club is a huge part of Year 5 and 6 so please make sure it is completed at home and brought into school on the requested day.

Spelling: Spellings will be given to children every Monday, the children need to learn the spelling rule and also be able to put those words into a sentence.

Times Tables: Children should now know all of their multiplication tables so practice using times table rockstars will reinforce their understanding.

Why did God choose Moses? Why is the Exodus such a significant event? What is freedom? Why is freedom important? What does it mean to be free?

To be able to take a digital photograph and edit it using software on laptops and tablets.
3D print an object and use software to design and create the object.

To be able to recognise and identify different forces that act on objects in everyday life.

	How electricity is created, how it gets into our homes, how we can create simple circuits and understanding the symbols used in circuit diagrams.
Art & Design: Editing digital images	How can we edit an image using software to make it useful for our writing genre?
Design & Technology: Working models, 3D printing	3D print an object to be used. Change the design so your object is individual.
Music: Guitars	Wednesday afternoons, remember to bring in your guitar. Lessons are delivered by Mr Gallagher from Lancashire Music service.
PSHE: Money management, Enterprise	Understand the importance of money. Understand that needs and wants are different things. Respect for money.
PE: Invasion Games	Friday afternoon taken by West Lancashire Sports Partnership.
Forest School:	A date will be confirmed next half term.
Theme Weeks/Days: Theme Park rollercoaster day	Topic Homework: See home learning ideas sheet for more details.

Reminders:

PE: PE takes place on Tuesday and Friday. Children are expected to wear PE kit consisting of a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of black pumps. Outdoor PE kit should also be school: navy jogging/tracksuit bottoms, navy hoody, trainers. These should be named and kept in a drawstring bag. PE kits are returned before every holidays to be washed and should be returned to school on the day we return from holidays.

Extra Curricular Activities: We strive to provide a wide range of activities for children to take part in. Parents will be notified of what these clubs are and how to access them through letters or the weekly Newsletter.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform and look smart. All items of clothing should be named. Shoes should be sensible and black. Please ensure children have weather appropriate outer wear as children go outside as often as possible. Hair accessories should be consistent with the school uniform colours i.e. navy blue or grey.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify Chrissy. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration is prompt at 8.55am. If your child is late then they must enter school via the school office. Termly 100% Attendance is celebrated at the last worship of term and at the Leaver's worship at the end of the school year.

Parking: Parking in the school car park is strictly prohibited at all times. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking on Back Lane or in the village.

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.