

Home School Liaison

Venables Autumn Term

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Autumn term Focus Theme: History Ancient Egypt, Remembrance.

Focus Reading Text: Egyptian Princess, My royal story

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 description and setting writing, stories from other cultures, diary writing, newspaper reports, letters, autobiographies and Imagery 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 term our focus is Number and Place Value, Addition and subtraction, Multiplication And Division and Geometry.

RE: How and why do Christians read the Bible?
Christmas- How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

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 two 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.

What we are learning ...

How and why is the Bible used? Do you need a Bible to be a Christian? Why is the Bible holy? Why is the Bible holy? Why is the Bible a best seller? Why are there so many versions of the Bible?
What is Advent? When is Advent? Why is advent a

	time of preparation? What is being prepared for during Advent? What has this unit taught you about what it means to be a Christian? What has this unit taught you about Christian beliefs? Have you learnt anything about yourself during this unit?
Computing: Coding, Online safety and Spreadsheets	Using Purple mash to explore how to code and what impacts changing code has on programs. Making sure we understand how to stay safe whilst using the internet and the correct things to do if we see something we don't like or get sent something we don't like. How to create and use simple formula in spreadsheets.
Science: Rocks, Properties and changes of material, Animals including humans.	How are fossils made? The difference between Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary rocks. How is soil made? Why we use certain materials for certain jobs? What happens when we change materials and how do we change them? Are the changes reversible or irreversible? Changes that humans develop to old age. Life cycles of mammals, amphibian, insect and bird. Reproduction in some plants and animals. Human circulatory system. Impact of diet and exercise on the way bodies function. Describe the way nutrients and water are transported within animals including humans.
Art & Design: Drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials.	Using different skills and types of materials to enhance our drawing, sketching and painting.
Design & Technology: Egyptian foods, Making tombs and Pyramids, Designing and making Egyptian headdress. Making clay jars.	Design and make an Egyptian pharaoh headdress using a range of materials to make it. Looking and trying different types of food from Ancient Egypt. Making bread the same way the Egyptians did. Making clay jars similar to Egyptian jars.
Music:	Friday afternoons with our choirmaster James.
PSHE: Friendship and resilience.	Understand the importance of friendship and never giving up. How to have a positive mind-set and ensure that we understand how to deal with emotions and being the best version of ourselves.
PE: Games	Friday afternoon taken by West Lancashire Sports Partnership.
Forest School:	A date will be confirmed next half term.
Theme Weeks/Days: Egyptian 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 when we are allowed to start them up again.

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. 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.