

RE

With a focus on Christianity and Judaism the children will be exploring the question, 'is religion what you say or what you do?'

PE

We will be developing our dance skills, creating our own sequences based around The Great War, in particular the football match played on Christmas Day in 1914.

For outdoor PE, we will be continuing developing our ball handling skills through Netball, Tag Rugby and Basketball.

English

We will be using some wonderful texts to explore the theme of the First World War including 'Archie's War' by Marcia Williams and 'War Game' by Michael Forman, which is about the Christmas Day football match played in no-man's land in 1914. We will develop our creative writing skills using these texts as stimuli.

Our non-fiction focus will be on biographies and this will link to our science topic where we will research the lives and work of famous scientists including Edward Jenner and Alexander Fleming.

Spanish

We are pleased that we still have the opportunity this half term to work with staff from Cambourne Village College. Their focus will be on vocabulary and developing our Spanish conversational skills.

Year 6

Remember us

History

We will study aspects of life in Britain in the time leading up to the outbreak of the First World War and also consider what life was like in the trenches. A key focus will be the Christmas Day 1914 football match played in 'no-man's land'. We shall also be reflecting on why we still commemorate and remember these events and the significance of Remembrance Day.

Art and Design

To link with our topic about Remembrance, we will be creating poppy artwork, inspired by local artists, using a range of media.

Science

Our focus unit is 'The Nature Library' in which we will be exploring the process of classification when identifying living things. The children will also look at how micro-organisms can have both harmful and beneficial effects for humans. This will include looking into trench foot and the living conditions throughout WWI. The children will also have the opportunity to carry out practical investigations on limiting microbial growth and finding the most suitable storage conditions for food.

Computing

Our half termly focus will be on creating a blog about our work on WWI. We will also be learning about how networks work; understanding computer networks including the internet; learning how they can provide multiple services, such as the World Wide Web, and exploring the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration.

PSHE

We will be focusing our work on 'Anti-Bullying', which will also include some work on the unit 'My emotions'. The children will explore ways to manage their own range of emotions as well as developing empathy for others.

Maths

We will be:

- Simplifying, comparing, adding and subtracting fractions;
- Finding percentages of number;
- Using formal written methods for division;
- Solving problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure, including time;
- Drawing 2D shapes using given dimensions or angles;
- Building 3D nets.

As well as this, we will be continuing to learn and consolidate the formal written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication whilst using our knowledge to investigate a range of mathematical problems.

Pegasus and Delphinus : Autumn 2019

After a busy first half term, we are looking forward to the rest of the term ahead. This letter should give much of the information you require, however, we would ask you to make a special note of the important diary dates, including the PGL payment dates. As always we will be available on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day if you need to speak to us or have any concerns. If you have any queries at any point during this important year please do not hesitate to contact us or make an appointment to meet Mrs Johnson and Mr Yates.

Homework

Homework will stay in the same format as last half term. Children will be able to choose, each week, one task to complete from the grid and will be expected to hand in one piece of work on a Monday. In addition to this, maths and spelling homework will continue to be set separately. Maths homework will always consist of differentiated tasks which enable the children to practise previously taught skills. If your child has any problems with any part of their homework, they have been told to come to discuss the task with us before Thursday. If the homework is not completed to a good standard then it may need to be repeated.

Spellings

Spellings will be set on Monday each week and will be tested on Friday. The emphasis will be on spelling rules, patterns and strategies or vocabulary which is relevant to our topic work. Our aim is to see the children using the spellings that we set in their written work with increased accuracy throughout the term.

Ways in which you can help your child

- * Check homework books and support your child in completing their homework.
- * Regularly read with your child and discuss what they have read including understanding new vocabulary from the text surrounding it.
- * Test your child on their spellings concentrating on the patterns in the Year 3/4 and 5/6 words.
- * Look through SPAG terms using:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244216/English_Glossary.pdf
- * Practise telling the time <https://gb.education.com/games/time/>
- * Give opportunities to use money, including calculating change.
- * Practise times tables facts and related division facts (up to 12 x 12)
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

PE

Children must have their correct PE kit in school at all times. To avoid unnecessary disruption to the curriculum please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on Monday and that it is taken home to be washed on Friday. Children will need **both indoor kit** (blue shorts and a white T shirt) **and outdoor kit** (warm jogging bottoms, a warm sweatshirt and sensible, supportive training shoes) at all times throughout the term as outdoor games will take place each week. Children will only be excused from PE on medical grounds if we receive a letter from the parent/carer.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 28th October	Children return to school
Wednesday 13th November	PGL Schedule C Payment of £62.30 due
Wednesday 11th December	PGL Schedule C Payment of £62.30 due
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch and festive afternoon
Wednesday 18 th December	Last day of term
Monday 6 th January 2020	Children return to school