

Computing: This term we are looking at how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet, creating our own 'Keep Safe' comic.

PE: We will be participating in ball on the ground skills in games, and symmetry and asymmetry in gymnastics.

Geography: We will be basing our work around a geographical study of the island of St Lucia. Throughout this half term, we will be focusing on map skills and the physical and human features of the island. We will also be exploring the impact of tourism on the island.

PSHE: We will discuss the connections between rights, rules and responsibilities. The children will begin to develop a broader understanding of why rules and laws are needed in society. As part of our topic work we will also be looking at fair trade.

Science: Our focus unit is 'Everything Changes'. We will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. We will also look at how fossils provide information about living things that existed millions of years ago.

The Caribbean *Kensuke's Kingdom*

English: We will be studying a range of poetry around the theme of the sea, exploring imagery and building on previous work of personification.

Our focus novel this term is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. Children will use this as a stimulus to inspire a range of text types including letter writing, descriptive narratives and a persuasive letter.

We will be creating cross-curricular information texts as part of our work on St Lucia. Our persuasive writing will also be linked to this topic.

We will be looking at grammatical features to extend sentence structures as well as ways to organise writing. Our spelling focuses will include suffixes, topic related vocabulary and understanding strategies to support the learning of key spelling patterns.

Spanish: We have the privilege this term of welcoming staff from the Village College into Year 6 to focus on vocabulary and support us in our Spanish conversational skills.

DT: This term we are focusing on the flavours of the Caribbean, designing and making our own recipes inspired by the islands' cuisine. We will be using ingredients such as: mango, bananas, passion fruit, pomegranate, star fruit, coconut and fruit juice. ***Please let us know of any new allergies.***

Art: We will be creating our own pictures inspired by 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa'.

Maths: We will be focusing on:

- Place value to 1, 2 and 3 decimal places.
- Rounding.
- All 4 operations including written and mental techniques for real life multi-step problems, in particular in the context of money.
- Mental calculations using the 4 operations.
- Solving problems using conversions of measures i.e. g to kg.

Music: In music we will compare music from the Caribbean recognising traditional instruments, techniques and styles that are used. The children will go on to compose their own piece of music inspired by sounds of the carnival.

Pegasus and Delphinus : Autumn 2017

We hope you had a relaxing and fun filled Summer break and, having recharged their batteries, the children are now looking forward to the term ahead. This is your child's final year at primary school and we hope it will be fulfilling, fun and action packed. Lots of exciting activities have been planned to inspire and challenge the children's learning as we begin to prepare them for their transition to secondary school. This letter should give much of the information you require for the term ahead, 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 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 Miss Crudge or Mrs Wellings.

Home School Agreement, Internet Access and Photo Permission

You will have received a copy of the school's Home School Agreement, photographic permission letter and Internet Access agreement. If you have not already signed and returned this to us please do so as soon as possible so that your child can be allowed access to the internet and photos may be displayed.

Homework and spellings

This year we are introducing half termly homework grids. The grids will be available on the website as well as inside the homework books. Children will be able to choose, each week, one task to complete. Each homework task will be topic based with an English focus. Children will be expected to hand in one piece of work as usual on a Monday and each homework task should take a minimum of 40 minutes. 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. The spelling 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. Spellings will be set on Monday each week and will be tested on Friday. 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. Please feel free to write comments in your child's book as to how you feel they coped with the tasks.

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
- * Test your child on their spellings and play word games using their spelling words
- * Practise counting forwards and backwards in different steps from any number
- * Practise telling the time
- * Give opportunities to use money, including calculating change
- * Practise times tables facts and related division facts (up to 12 x 12)

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 18th – 21st September
Wednesday 11th October
Monday 16th October
Thursday 19th October

Bikeability
Parent Consultation meetings
Individual photographs
Parent Consultation meetings