

Important dates and Celebrations:

Chinese New Year – 12th February 2021

Half term- 15th – 19th February 2021

Children return to school on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Shrove Tuesday – 16th February 2021

Ash Wednesday – 17th February 2021



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RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you enjoyed yourselves and had a relaxing Christmas break. It was very different to those that have gone before and so I hope you were able to stay safe. Welcome to the start of another exciting half term. I'm really excited for the possibilities to explore such a deep and varied topic. I can't wait to explore the different themes of our books in writing, as they are such rich and thought-provoking source material, as well as work on formal written methods in Maths. We made amazing progress last half term, and I'm really looking forward to the same again.
If you have any questions, please get in touch with either of us.
Kind regards,
Mr Lucas and Taylah

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Spring 1 2021

Maths

We will begin our term by looking at multiplication and using the area model and then long multiplication. We will divide using different ways, and begin to use formal written methods. We will then explore fractions. We will look at equivalent fractions, improper fractions, and begin to compare and order different fractions.

Writing

We will begin by looking at the story 'Sun Horse Moon Horse' as we discover persuasive language and hone our performance skills in a debate. Then we will study the text 'Beowulf' looking at figurative language, simile and metaphor, assonance and alliteration. Finally we will explore the book 'Norse Myths' by Kevin Crossley-Holland. This beautifully illustrated book, explores the stories of the Viking faith, which we will be re-telling focusing on story-telling and descriptive language.

Computing

We will be planning and creating our own websites/pages on the people that have lived in Britain through History.

Reading

Quakes, floods and other disasters

This is a non-fiction text about natural disasters across the world

We will be working on recalling facts and information and improving our ability to skim read.

Kensuke's Kingdom

A story of survival where a shipwrecked boy discovers that he is not alone on an island...

We will be using our inferring skills, separating fact and opinion, using evidence from the text, and exploring descriptive language.



Science

In Science this half term, we will be looking at states of matter. Exploring solids, liquids and gases we will look at how they interact with each other and the reasons behind this

Music

The children will be focusing on the role of music in their lives and in the world around them. They will be exploring the effects of music on their concentration, fitness and mood through and developing their aural skills in the process.

Religious Education

In R.E. we will be looking at the Sikh Religion. We will explore the important symbols, their holy book and their places of worship. We will look at how they show their faith and explore the role that Guru Nank played in establishing the religion. We will also learn about the importance of the Amrit ceremony.

Art

In technology we will begin to understand how food is imported from around the world, and how this has changed society and trade. We will also look at Celtic designs that were used in the Iron Age.

This half term in Year 5...

History and Geography

Our main topic this term will be the invaders and settlers that have occupied Britain through its history. We will begin in the Iron Age, moving through exploring the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will learn to recall facts and information, look at historical sources and how we use them, and study the impact that these groups of people have made upon our lives today.

PE

The daily physical challenges set for remote learning will help keep children active every day.

In school, in a 'Tag Rugby' unit children will learn the skills needed to play both defensively and offensively as a tag rugby player. The children will learn how to catch and throw while both stationary and on the move. They will develop their skills of tagging and sidestepping as well as making tactical decisions about when to make passes and tags. They will also learn the skill of intercepting, following the offside rule.

Just a reminder...



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.

Any questions or queries, please contact the office in the first instance

All Remote learning will be done through Google classroom. Your child will have an individual password. If you cannot access a file, it is very simple to use a sheet of paper and then take a photo and upload it!

