

Class AH - Autumn half term one –Planning

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to an exciting year full of learning. This term we will be learning through topic work about life in Victorian times especially for the poor. We will be focusing on life in the workhouse as well as crime and punishment.

Literacy	Children will be reading a variety of stories from other cultures and use these to help them to write their own stories based on the characters and settings studied. They will also be looking at the features of information text and produce non-fiction booklets.
Numeracy	During this half term we will be counting and partitioning 3 & 4 digit numbers, learning addition and subtraction facts for pairs of numbers that total 100, classifying shapes and identifying lines of symmetry, organising and interpreting data in charts and graphs and measuring and comparing length in metres, centimetres and millimetres.
PE	We will be learning to swim at Barnsley Metrodome. In school we will be building general body fitness and developing skills to play invasion games such as hockey.
RE	We will be finding out about Sikh Gurus and their impact on the Sikh faith.
Science	State of matter. Identifying the various states of matter and investigating their properties and uses. They will also be planning tests to find out how some materials can change their state.
ICT	Graphic addition and text presentation. Children will use a range of software packages to enhance the presentation of text. They will also have an opportunity to practise their research skills on the internet.
History/ Geography	The class will be studying life in Victorian times and how life varied for poor and rich people. We will mainly be looking at life in the workhouse and how crime was punished.
Music	Throughout the term we will be learning about pattern and rhythm and the children will have an opportunity to create their own composition inspired by their cultural studies.
Art	We will be focusing on the artwork of David Hockney, and creating our own interpretation of these. We will also have an opportunity to recreate Aboriginal patterns influenced by our study of cultural stories.
French	Madame Britten will be teaching the children French every Thursday

Reading Folders. New reading folders will be sent out shortly, which will include a reading record that can be used to make any comments. Please listen to your child read on a regular basis as this will help to develop the skills of reading and understanding. Your child needs to make sure that they have their book with them every day as we will listen to them read, or they will read independently, at different times throughout the week.

Homework/Spellings. Homework will be handed out every Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. The tasks set will give your child the opportunity to practise what they have learnt in class or will prepare them for the following weeks learning. Spellings will be sent out on Tuesday and your child will need to practise them ready for the regular Friday morning test.

PE kit. This term PE will consist of swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons commencing on 13th September and outdoor PE sessions on Wednesday morning.. Please make sure that your child has suitable kit in school, especially footwear for outdoor PE. All children will participate in PE lessons unless a note from a parent/carer is provided.

If you have any questions, or would like to help in school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs A Hartley & Mrs White