

April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

This half term we will be learning about mountain ranges, their location and formation as well as studying the organs of the human body, particularly the digestive system. We will also be studying Ancient China, its culture and development. We will be finding out about how many of their discoveries and inventions have affected our present day lives.

Literacy	This term the children will be learning how to write stories that include an issue or dilemma. We will also continue to practise our spelling, punctuation and grammar.
Numeracy	The children will be continuing to practise their basic number skills especially relating to multiplication/division facts and fractions. We will also be further developing problem solving strategies.
PE	During our PE sessions we will be developing our fitness through aerobic and dance exercise. We will also be practising small ball control skills and continuing to develop the skills for team games such as tennis and rounders.
RE	Through our studies in RE we will be learning more about the beliefs and traditions of the Sikh faith, including fair trade.
Science	We will be learning about the processes of living things and the different habitats of animals.
ICT	The children will use a software package to develop a branching database. They will also be using the internet to aid their historical and scientific research.
Geography	We will be identifying mountain ranges throughout the world as well as looking at how they are formed and how the climate changes as the height of the mountain changes.
Music	In class time we will be using listening skills to compare and evaluate a range of musical genre. We will also be using tuned and untuned instruments to create our own simple compositions.
Art / D & T	We will be studying chairs and how they are designed. We will investigate the range of furniture used for seating and design our own chair.
PSCHE	Taking responsibility for my Healthy Lifestyle – thinking about how to take care of our bodies.
French	We are continuing to learn French vocabulary and phrases with Madame Brittain

Reading Folders. Please listen to your child read on a regular basis. There is a reading record diary in their folder that you can use to make any comments. We are trying to develop the skills of reading and understanding and to encourage this you could ask your child some of the following example questions:- Who is it about? What happens? What do you think will happen next? Where does the story take place? Which character do/don't you like? Why? 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:- Homework is provided as an extension to in-class learning and helps your child to consolidate their progress. Please ensure your child completes and returns any homework by Friday.

PE kit. This term PE will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child has a PE kit on these days, especially suitable footwear for outside 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.

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