

Dear Parent/Carer

This half term, and continuing through next half term, we will be learning through our history topic on the local area.

Literacy	Dramatic conventions – We will be looking at TV and radio broadcasts and the children will be writing their own script and performing a News show with script, sound and props. We will also explore Persuasive writing looking at adverts/leaflets and complaints! Handwriting and a high standard of presentation will be instilled in our children throughout the subjects.
Maths	Objectives covered will relate to finding fractions of 3-digit numbers, short multiplication of 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers, and gaining skills to add and subtract mentally monies in a `real life ` situation, as well as through problem solving exercises. This ½ term I want to look at percentages and how they relate to fractions and decimals. As well as continuing up to our 10x tables and improving our mental maths skills.
PE	Kwik Cricket – we will be learning basic skills including batting, bowling, fielding and scoring leading up to a class Kwik Cricket tournament. Team work, encouragement and good sportsmanship will be a focus of all sessions. Field Games-and athletics in preparation for sports day. As well as our continued running programme.
RE	Pilgrimage and what it means to Muslims and Christians. Following on from previous learning we will consider who/what/where/when/why pilgrimages take place and what they mean to the followers of each faith.
Science	The human body and development as we approach puberty. (Hygiene /changes) Life cycles of plants and animals.
Computing	Our coding work progresses on to the topic area of random numbers and simulation. Children will learn how computers can generate random numbers and how these can be used in simulations. We will then use the skills learnt to create our own apps.
History/ Geography	Local History – we will be looking at how the local area has changed from the Victorian period to present day and exploring some of the reasons for the changes. Geography – Looking at how our local area has changed from the Victorian period, particular the landscape and physical features of Brierley.
Music	Barnsley Music Service will be providing music tuition. We will be continuing learning how to play the recorder and read musical notation.
Art-D/T	Our Art topic this term will concentrate on Lowry and A Sense of Place, exploring where Lowry came from; his inspirations and how the landscape influenced his work. We will endeavour to relate our own landscape with this work and possibly indulge in a trip to Manchester.
French	Studying a modern foreign language is now compulsory in the KS2 curriculum. Mrs Brittain will be working on speaking, listening and written work in French, building upon our prior learning this year.
SEAL	Relationships – We will be looking at the different relationships that we have, what to do when we feel embarrassed, how to feel good about yourself. We will also link our studies with making the right decisions regarding food/health and body.

Homework. Homework will be handed out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Children are rewarded with some choosing time on a Friday if they have returned their homework.

PE kit. PE will be on Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure that your child has suitable kit in school, especially suitable footwear for outdoor PE. Perhaps kit could be brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Thursday. **All children will participate in PE lessons unless a note from a parent/carers is provided.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Green: Miss Lawton.