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Welcome back to school. This term, we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and, as such, we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. In addition, we ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

Mathematics	English	Science
<p>This term, the children will read, write and understand the place value of numbers up to 10,000. They will engage in practical activities involving measurements, ordering and comparing units of measure and rounding numbers. We will also work on strategies around key skills such as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Children will add and subtract numbers using a range of mental and formal strategies and will apply this knowledge to solving everyday problems.</p>	<p>Over the Autumn term, we will be reading a range of narratives such as Viking Boy, George's Marvellous Medicine, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and The Tale of Three Brothers (from Harry Potter). They will study and write their own stories based on these narrative texts and will also explore the features of non-fiction texts such as instructional and persuasive writing. The children will compare poetry that is based on the same themes.</p> <p>To help your child improve in English, it is important that they read everyday at home and learn their spellings every week.</p>	<p>During the first half-term the children will learn about animals, including humans. They will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system; identify the different types of teeth in humans and construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.</p> <p>In Autumn 2, the children will explore how plants and animals have adapted over time. They will be exploring 'classification' of living things and their habitats. They will also learn about the importance and purpose of micro-organisms and how it can be used to protect human health.</p>
Art & DT	Physical Education	PSHE
<p>In art, the children will be looking at the role of artists and using a range of media to create display work in the style of a specific artist.</p> <p>During DT, we will be making rubber band boats. We will be exploring properties of material that are best suited for optimal buoyancy, as well as carrying out research on mechanisms to make a suitable propeller.</p>	<p>In P.E. the children will be studying body shapes and invasion games through gymnastics and netball. After half term, they will be focussing on stamina and invasion skills through keep fit and basketball. Please ensure your child has appropriate P.E. clothing for indoor and outdoor P.E.</p>	<p>During the first half term, the children will be exploring the behaviours and rights of different communities. They will discuss the importance of rules and laws and understand how our school community fits into the broader, national community.</p> <p>In Autumn 2, the children will learn more about the visible and invisible areas of identity. They will become confident in sharing their identity with others and discuss strategies to develop resilience.</p>



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<u>Humanities</u>	<u>RE</u>	<u>Computing</u>
<p>In History, the children will be researching and learning about the Vikings. They will investigate the impact the Vikings had when they invaded Britain.</p> <p>Geography will be taught in Autumn 2 where the children will be learning about California and its climate making comparisons with our capital city, London. They will study earthquakes and extreme weather and also begin to understand the human and physical implications of tourism.</p>	<p>In R.E., the children will be learning about the Bible and why it is special to Christians as part of their understanding of world religions.</p> <p>After the half term break, their topic will be 'What makes me the person I am?' where they will spend time considering ideas about themselves and developing their critical thinking skills.</p>	<p>This term, the children will cover the topics 'We are software developers' and 'We are makers'. They will learn to test and debug software; consider the importance of user interface design and create inputs to have the desired output for a toy.</p> <p>In addition to these topics, the children will build on their current knowledge of online safety to ensure they know how to use technology safely in school and at home.</p>
<u>Mandarin</u>	<u>Homework</u>	<u>Music</u>
<p>Throughout this year in Mandarin, the children will be exploring personal interests. This term, they will focus on emotions and music. They will plan and revise conversations with peers to discuss and compare emotions. They will listen to music from a range of cultures and compare Chinese pop music to traditional Chinese music.</p>	<p>Each day, children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Reading books will be changed regularly by the children. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday: Spellings Tuesday: Reading/Bugclub Wednesday: Mathletics Thursday: TTRockstars Friday: Writing</p>	<p>In music, the children will begin the year by exploring the inter-related dimensions of music, focussing on pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics and notation. After half term, they will begin to apply this knowledge to playing the recorder. They will bring their recorder home in November and will be encouraged to practise at home to further their progress.</p>



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