

Welcome to Class Ten and the Spring term!



Welcome back to school after the half term holiday.

This half term, our topic is:

Inventors and Inventions

We have already started the topic with the children and they are already full of questions and keen to learn.

It is going to be a busy half term both in and out of the classroom. The Life Education Bus will be visiting the school during March. In the last week of term, on the 20th March, all the Year 5s will be taking part in the Lancaster Music Festival. This is a fantastic event which we will be practising for during the term. Also in that week, on 21st March, Year 5 will be going to Lancaster University to participate in 'Be The Change'.

During this period of Lent, as we lead up to Easter, our value is Compassion. We will be thinking about the stories Jesus told, how He showed compassion and how we are to show compassion to others. It would be great to praise the children for taking opportunities to show compassion this half-term.

Overview of subjects this term:

English	Novel as a theme – The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. We will be producing a range of writing outcomes e.g. diary, letter, monologue, summary, prediction.
Maths	Fractions/decimals/percentages Calculations Angles Converting measure Area/Perimeter Volume Factors/Multiples Statistics
Science	Forces: There are different types of forces (friction, air resistance, water resistance, magnetic forces, gravity) which have different effects on objects Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces.
Computing	Scratch – designing a simple game
RE	Easter - Who was Jesus? Who is Jesus?
Topic	History – The Mayans - early civilisation, study of a non-European society. Design & Technology – Making moving toys - Mechanical systems, cams, pulleys and gears
PE	Orienteering Gymnastics
Music	STOP! – anti bullying raps
PSHE	Compassion.
French	Favourite Things

SATs Build-up:

This week, we have begun our SATs build-up for Year 6. The idea is to ensure the children are fully ready by 14th May, as well as thinking about getting them 'High-School ready', without putting too much pressure on them. We have been really pleased with the attitude of the Year 6 children; they were all excited to receive their homework and nearly all homework has been completed on time. The children will need to continue to keep themselves organised as they are now receiving small pieces of homework almost every night. In class, we will be arranging SATs booster groups for the Year 6 children in reading and GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) to enable them to learn key skills in a smaller group. Maths groups will continue as usual. We appreciate your continued support during this busy time. During this time, there will be occasions when the Year 5 children are taught by Mr Cross or Mrs Rees but they will continue to follow the Year 5 curriculum.

P.E will be on **Monday afternoon** and **Tuesday afternoon**. Please can all children have their full P.E kit (including labelled t-shirt, shorts and pumps) in school all term. This kit will be sent home at half-term to be freshened up!

Y5 children will have a piece of Maths and English homework every week. This will generally be given out on a Tuesday but the day might vary. Homework is due in on Monday of the following week.

All children have a Read Theory login and are expected to use this as much as possible to continue to improve their comprehension skills. Athletics activities are set every week and children are still expected to read at home on a regular basis.

Now that the library has reopened, we will continue to visit the library to encourage children to use this fantastic facility in our village.

We are looking forward to a great and exciting half term in Class 10 and I look forward to seeing you at Parents' evening next week.

Please feel free to pop in or catch me in the playground if you have any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes,

Mr I Gittins/Mrs Sissons