



Newsletter: Term 3 2022

We would like to welcome all students, parents, and carers back for the new term and hope you all had a wonderful break. As always, we have planned another great term with a variety of interesting and useful lessons and topics to help our students continue their journey to reaching their best potential. The cold weather inspired us to make some lovely ice hangings on our first day back.

Please find below information on what children will be learning this term:



Topic - This term we are researching rainforests around the world, finding out about the different layers of a rainforest as well as the animals, plant life and people that live there.

Music - The children will be listening to and responding to different pieces of music, starting with the original Dr Who music arranged by Delia Derbyshire, which used electronic sounds- unheard of before.



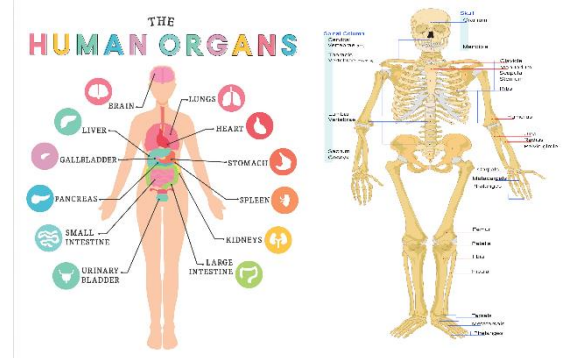
Communication & Interaction - This term we will be developing our communication skills by role-playing shopping, making polite conversation, saying please and thank you, followed by visits to supermarkets to ask for the location of an item, paying for shopping from cashiers and using the self-serve.

English - The children will be learning how to write instructions, a balanced argument about feeding animals at national parks, and a narrative story based around a flood. Reading and English skills practice is timetabled daily in addition to the English lesson.

Numeracy - The children will continue with multiplication and division, then move on to area and fractions. The children also have ten minutes daily maths skills practice after lunch.

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Science - This term we will be looking at the human body: identifying the different organs and their functions, how we digest food, the circulatory system and how to keep a healthy lifestyle.



Food Technology - During this term we will be making a variety of different recipes, from vegetable pasta for Veganuary, Mexican quesadillas which links in with topic as there is a rainforest in Mexico (The Lacandon rainforest), egg fried rice for Chinese New Year and pizza for national pizza day.



Computing - Using technology to manage information - learning about databases.

Art - The children will be developing printing skills. Below are some examples of our mobiles from last term.



PSHE - This term we will be covering keeping and staying safe and cycle safety (Bikeability) in preparation for level 1 & 2 cycling proficiency in May - details will be sent near the time along with consent forms. We will also be learning about peer pressure and how to manage it in a safe way and who and where to go to for help.

Citizenship/RE - Veganuary, Buddhist New Year, British values - the rule of law, LGBT history month, Barnardo's values, Children's Mental Health week.

PE - Last term was Boogie Bounce. We all had fun while getting fit. This term we have James Steven joining us to deliver personal fitness.



Environmental Science - This term the children are continuing to observe and photograph the seasonal changes in the trees and other plant and animal life in the school environment. They will also be identifying the birds seen in the school grounds and in the local parks and taking part in Birdwatch.



First signs of spring spotted on the first day back!



Please remember to water the bulbs in your pots.

Homework

Please listen to your child read and practise times tables/mental maths (adding/subtracting in your head) at home regularly. We welcome feedback and are happy to suggest authors/texts to support your child, likewise we can suggest board and card games to support with maths. All children have active Mathletics accounts. Please let us know if you need the login details again and encourage pupils to work towards gaining 1000 points a week (worth 2 tokens). They can also log in to 'Epic!' to read books between 7am and 3pm on weekdays. The site also has audible books, quizzes and videos. If you would like access at other times this requires a subscription and we could give you a link if interested.

Thank you for your continued support.

The KS2 staff team

Miscellaneous



We had a great trip to Brooklands Museum and all children and staff created a 'Be Kind' Advent Calendar to end the year.