

English

Term: Spring

Teacher: Mrs Nadia Mirza

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: The class will be focussing on the following letter sounds: 'u-e' 'oo' 'ew' 'air' 'are' 'or' 'ore' 'aw' 'er' 'ir' 'ur' 'un' and 'dis' during their spelling exercises.

We will continue to focus on enhancing comprehension skills by looking at complex pieces of literature. Pupils will work on understanding information presented to them through many different reading materials. We will also begin to look at poetry and learn about the different types of poems. To conclude this unit pupils will create their own poetry with the knowledge learned through this unit.

This term pupils will begin learning and practicing cursive writing. Every Friday the class will be given a full lesson on how to create beautiful cursive writing.

2nd Half Term: Pupils will begin to learn about the importance of instructions. They will learn and understand about the significant elements which are needed in any instructional piece of writing. To assess your child's progress your child will be given a task of writing instructions on a topic of individual interest.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. This term it will be beneficial to your child's development if you could encourage your child to complete homework tasks in cursive writing. In addition to this, your child will continue to be assessed by weekly spelling tests. Class participation is also necessary.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Please keep yourself updated with your child's regular homework timetable to ensure you are aware of your child's homework assignments. Please encourage your child to practice the spelling words which will be given to him or her every week. Your child would greatly benefit if they were to memorize the spellings in order for them to excel in the weekly spelling tests.

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

If you wish to discuss any questions or concerns regarding your child's development please feel free to book an appointment with me. You can do this by leaving a message in your child's contact book, or contact the school to speak to me.

Geography

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What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: This Term the class will focus on weather around the world.

We will be studying the following topics:

1. Where do people go on holiday? Where have we been on holiday?
2. Where can we go on holiday? How can we get there?
3. How do we decide what we need to take with us?
4. What will the weather be like? How will it affect what we do?

2nd Half Term: This term we will learn about how pollution affects our earth and what we can do to look after it.

We will focus on the following topics:

1. The meaning of reuse, reduce and recycle
2. What we can do to help the earth
3. How to dispose of our waste
4. How littering can do to our environment.
5. Finding ways to reuse and create things using recyclable items.

How will my child be assessed this term?

To conclude this unit Pupils will be asked to bring in recyclable things from home. They will use the recyclable items to create a work of art.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Help your child to collect items which can be recycled such are egg cartons, kitchen roll tubes etc.

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History

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1st Half Term: The Great Fire of London

Pupils will be looking at the following questions.

1. Where and when did the Great Fire begin?
2. What happened in the Great Fire?
3. Why did the fire spread so far and stay alight for so long?
4. How do we know what happened in the Great Fire?
5. What have we learnt about the Great Fire?

2nd Half Term: Florence Nightingale

This unit looks at the life of Florence Nightingale, why she went to Turkey to help soldiers injured in the Crimean War, and what happened as a result of her work. We will focus on the following:

1. Who was Florence Nightingale?
2. Why did she go to Scutari?
3. What was it like for Florence Nightingale working in the Crimean War?
4. How did she make things better for the soldiers in the Crimean War?

How will my child be assessed this term?

Throughout each term your child will be given tasks to complete related to the topics. Towards the end of each term pupils will work in groups to complete projects in class which will allow me to assess their knowledge in the topics covered.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Ask your child to discuss what is being covered in the lesson to refresh their memory. Constant revision and discussion of such topic will help your child to maintain their knowledge and memory in the topics covered.

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Math

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What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: This term we will be focusing a great deal on multiplication and memorising the times table up to 12. By the end of the spring term pupils are expected to learn all times tables factors. We will also look further into complex number sequences while looking out for odd and even numbers. Starting from this term pupils will be given a times tables booklet to take home to revise. Every Friday your child will be tested on the times tables factors covered in class during that week.

2nd Half Term: During this term pupils are expected to be confident with their multiplication skills and will now begin to work with complex word problems related to multiplying and division. We will also focus on the concept of doubling and halving.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Your child will be given weekly multiplication tests to assess their knowledge in this area. Depending on the set of times tables that we will be focusing on each week your child will take part in an activity called multiplication madness. In this task students will be given the opportunity to see how well they know their times tables and how quickly they can find the answers. This will allow me to see how much review work is needed throughout the classroom.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Please encourage your child to revise and learn their times tables with confidence. Should your child require extra help I will provide you with resources which you and your child can work on together.

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Science

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What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: Throughout the spring term we will learn about life cycles. In the 1st half term we will focus mainly on the life cycle of a frog. Pupils will learn about the different steps this particular specie progresses through before it becomes a frog.

2nd Half Term: In this last half of this term we will concentrate on the life cycle of fish particularly trout. As the school is currently looking after trout eggs this will be a good experience for children to see firsthand of how mother nature takes its course.

How will my child be assessed this term?

To conclude both units pupils will take part in a class project where they will design their own life cycle of the animals discussed in class. This will enable me to assess their knowledge and understanding of each unit.

How can I help my child in this subject?

You can help your child by taking him or her to your local library where they can look at books about the topics above and they can do their own research these topics. This will improve their skills on collecting data and relating it to what they are familiar with.

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