

Dear Parents,

This term, our main 'driver topic' will be history: 'Dynamic Dynasties'. I will be sending out some optional home learning tasks throughout the term to compliment and support what we have been learning in class.

Please also remind your children to practise their spellings and times tables at home.

English:

This term, our focus text is 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Joe Hoestland. We will be developing our understanding of writing stories with flashbacks from another character's point of view. We will develop our knowledge of setting description and use of dialogue within writing.

Maths:

This term, we will revisit the core mathematical concepts: place value and the four operations (+ - x and ÷) We will also be developing our understanding of fractions, applying these in reasoning problems. (Practising your times tables as much as possible will be of great benefit!)



Science:

Year 5 will learn about forces and mechanisms learning about the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. They will also learn about our Solar System and its spherical celestial bodies. They will describe the movements of the Earth and the other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth, and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night. Year 6 will learn about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They will learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.

History:

This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.

Geography:

This project teaches children about locating map features using a range of methods. They learn about worldwide time zones and study interconnected climate zones, vegetation belts and biomes. Children learn about human geography and capital cities worldwide before looking at the UK motorway network and settlements.

RE:

In RE this term, we will pose the question, 'How do Christians decide how to live? What would Jesus do?' As part of this we will identify features of the gospel texts; consider how Christians live in their community articulating our own responses to the issues studied.



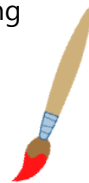
PSHE:

This term, we will cover the unit, 'One World' where we will learn about global citizenship while considering how we grow as active, responsible citizens and how we can positively impact our world with the choices that we make. We will also develop our understanding of relationships with family and friends, exploring conflicts and resolutions as part of this.



Art and DT:

In art, we will learn about colour theory and explore mixing tints, shades and tones. We will learn about significant landscape artworks before creating our own landscape paintings. We will also learn about the significance and art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods.



Music:

In music this term, we will learn about Pop and Neo Soul music using the song 'Happy'.

We will also investigate Bacharach and Blues learning about jazz improvisation and composition.



Spanish:

This term, in our topic, 'All About Me', we will be learning about hobbies, jobs, family and pets. We will also learn about 'The Way We Look', where we will learn about clothes, the body and how to describe ourselves.



Computing:

This term we will find out about Bletchley Park and the history of computers. We will find out about the use of codes; how to ensure a password is safe; explain the importance of historical figures and their contributions towards computer science while creating an advert with simple edits.

PE:

During this term, we will develop our knowledge and skills in football sessions, including passing, defending and attacking techniques.

We will also participate in swimming sessions at Ledbury Pool developing our confidence and technique in a range of swimming strokes.