

Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to school. We wish you a happy and healthy new year. This term the children will be going to the pool in Ledbury for swimming lessons. These will take place in a block, every afternoon for two weeks. Look out for dates and details soon. There will be no forest school this term. Below is a summary of the areas we hope to be covering. If you have any questions, please do contact us via Tapestry.

Miss Guy, Mrs Gleaves and Miss Hughes.

History: As part of our main geography topic, Misty Mountain, Winding River, the children will explore why many settlements were built next to rivers for thousands of years. We will also discuss the lives of stone age man through our English book, Stone Age Boy.

Spanish: The children will practise some classroom instructions, name parts of the body, identify colours & clothing vocabulary and understand masculine & feminine nouns. They will look at food vocabulary and express likes and dislikes.

English: We will begin the term by looking at the book Stone Age boy by Satoshi Kitamura which will provide the children with the opportunity to write a fictional story from the point of view of a stone age boy. After that, we will read The Silence Seeker by Ben Morley. The children will rewrite the story using the 3rd person, including details of the setting and some dialogue. Both units will support the children with their grammar skills, particularly using fronted adverbials, punctuating direct speech, using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause and choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion to avoid repetition.

Maths: We will start off looking at negative numbers then move onto fractions. We will study length and weight and incorporate data with these. We will look at decimals through money. Addition and subtraction, including decomposition will be covered, along with multiplication & division. Time will be studied including 24-hour clocks.



PE: The children will complete a block of swimming lessons, work on their multi-skills and complete blocks of Real PE.



RE: This term our two key questions are: 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' and 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'.

Music: The children will be given the opportunity to write lyrics linked to a theme and will study some soul and gospel music.

Computing: We will be developing our skills in word processing using Powerpoint to create presentations about Rivers and Mountains.

Science: The children will learn about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They will observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes. They will then go onto explore how living things are grouped and create classification keys.

Geography: Our project, Misty Mountain Winding River, teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.



Art/DT: We will look at how to evoke atmosphere when creating landscapes. Then we will study animals in art. In DT we will explore how to design and make fabric samples.



Homework: This term, our homework will be to continue to read to an adult 5 times a week, practise our spellings each night and hone our times tables using TTRockstars.