

St. Andrew's Newsletter

Spring 2 2024

Welcome back, I hope you all managed to have a restful half term. This is a very short half term and we will be packing a lot in. Some of our topics may carry on next half term to ensure we cover the units thoroughly. Later on in the half term, we will be taking our turn to lead worship and present our learning through our class exhibition. Details will be sent out separately.

Our Curriculum

English

We will be focussing on story writing this half term. The focus will be on creating vivid images for the reader through our use of language, setting the scene and dialogue between characters. We will begin by using a text called "The strangest shop in the world" where children can choose different pathways to see what happens in the story.

Maths

Year 6 will be looking at basic algebra and will then move on to look at decimals and then fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be using our CLIC time to revise ready for the SATs in May and to work on reasoning and problem solving.

Year 5 will be working on the second unit of fractions and will then also look at decimals and percentages.

Topic

Our topic is geography based and is called 'Enough for Everyone'. We will be looking at where our power comes from, and what alternative energy sources can be used. We will think about food miles and the impact our energy consumption has on us and our environment.

PSHE

It is our turn to work with Commando Joes this half term and we will also be launching our Archbishop of York's Young Leaders award - more details to follow.

French

Y5 - That's tasty - In this unit the children will learn about the types of food that can be ordered in French Cafes and will practise their conversational skills.

Y6 - This is France - The unit covers different places in France and what the French lifestyle is like.

PE

PE will be on a Monday with Newcastle United. Where possible this will be outside so the children need to make sure they are wearing a warm school PE kit and suitable trainers. On Wednesdays, Mrs Critchlow will be taking the children for dance. They will be looking at dance crazes through the decades, accompanied by music from the time.

RE

We will be thinking about the question "What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?" We will look at what the gospels say and how Christians worship on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Science

Our topic is Living things and their habitats. We will be looking at wind and insect pollination and how different types of plants reproduce. We will think about the life cycles of different types of living creatures and will examine the life and work of conservationist Jane Goodall.

Homework

Homework - The children are working hard to complete their homework and it is making a difference to their work in class. Your support is appreciated and arrangements for setting and handing in homework remain the same.

If you have any further questions please ask.

Regards,

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