



Year X Newsletter – Term 4



Welcome to term 4! We have a lovely term lined up and it should be extremely fun.

History- Brilliant Brunel and the Royal family

We are continuing our history Unit on Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the impact he had on Bristol, London and New York. We will be visiting the SS Great Britain as a class to consolidate our learning on this topic. We will then move onto the Royal family in which will be looking at timelines, coronations and residences of the Royal family. We will aim to have a good understanding of what life was like for the Queen and what it is like now for the King. We will explore videos, images and resources to support our writing outcome of a letter to King Charles.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will be recapping all of our sounds learnt from last year and using these sounds in our Guided reading sessions. We will be continuing with Phase 5b and move onto Phase 5b mastery towards the end of term. Phonics will be taught every day and there will be 4 sessions of guided reading a week.

Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Writing

This term we will be focusing on finger spaces, full stops, capital letters and trying to sequence sentences together. We will be focusing on our handwriting and how we present our writing on the line. We will be continuing pre-cursive handwriting.

The text that we shall explore is called 'The extraordinary gardener'. We shall be writing a detailed setting description as the main character as well as an exciting fact file on a mysterious creature from a garden. We will be using story mapping and actions to support our learning. Our grammar focus will be to use 'and' to join sentences, add 'er' and 'est' to adjectives as well as using capital letter for places and days of the week. We will also be aiming to use the past and present tense correctly. At the end of each writing unit, we will edit and review our work. 'The extraordinary gardener' will be our text for fiction and non-fiction this term.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be moving onto place value to 50. We will be counting in 10s, grouping tens and ones as well as partitioning numbers up to 50. We will then look at numbers on a number line to 50. To finish the term we will be diving into measurement, where we will be comparing and measuring the height and length of different objects. We will be using rulers and centimetres to help our learning to solve problems related to measurement. We will be using many resources such as cubes, counters, part whole models and number lines to support our learning throughout the term.

Science

This term we will be learning about plants. We shall continue identifying common wild and garden plants. We will look closely at deciduous and evergreen trees and which trees keep their leaves, will be collecting data for the trees in our school grounds. We will then be hunting for moss and looking at patterns of where we find moss in our school grounds. We will be creating block graphs to record data and use fair testing for our investigation into which tree has the biggest leaf in our school. We will be making simple predictions and observing over time.

PE

This term Year 1 will be doing PE on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child has joggers/shorts and a jumper as they will need to wear their PE kit all day. Friday's lesson will be gymnastics. We will be focusing on our creative skills, coordination through balls skills and counterbalances with a partner on Thursdays with a sport's coach.

Art, Computing and Jigsaw

In DT we will be starting our structures unit, we will make and evaluate our products and our goal is make two free standing towers with a beam going across. We will be looking at being creative digitally. Our Jigsaw focus will be 'Healthy me' where we will discuss how to be healthy, compare and discuss diets, exercise and discuss the importance of well-being.

Homework

Your child will bring home two reading books each week. One book will relate to their phonetical understanding and one reading for pleasure book. Books will be changed on a **Wednesday**. Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday which will be related to their phonics focus and Year 1 spelling list as well as a Maths task.

Thank you for all your support, any questions please find me before or after school.

Mr Smith

Key Dates

6th March - World Book Day
17th and 20th March – Parent Meetings
27th March – Faith Day
2nd April – Disco
3rd March – Y1 & 2 Easter Service
4th April – INSET Day