

## Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn 2 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back after the half term break. Our half term topic for Autumn 2 is 'Citizens and the World'. The children will have the opportunity to learn about communities and citizens around the world in a range of subjects.

### Attendance

It is important that your child's attendance remains above 97% so that they do not fall behind.

Magpie: 96.9%

Owl: 93.6%

**Target: 97.5%**

### English



Our writing lessons will be focused upon two key texts. We will begin by looking at 'A Lion in Paris' by Beatrice Alemagna and will use this to then create a brochure to persuade a reader to go on holiday. We will then look at Moon Man by Tomi Ungerer and use this as a stimulus for our narrative writing for this half term.

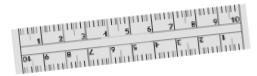
The teaching of reading continues with daily lessons focusing on our VIPERS skills. We will continue to finish each week with a VIPERS comprehension task to show how our learning and understand of the focus text has improved throughout the week.

Please continue to encourage your child to read on MyOn.com and to complete their Spelling Shed activities.

### Science

This term, we will be learning about states of matter. We will be making scientific predictions as to whether various matters will be able to change state when added with elements like heat. We will identify different solids, liquids and gases by their physical properties as well as by the behaviour of their particles. As well as this we will be raising questions and carrying out tests to further our scientific knowledge and vocabulary.

### Mathematics



#### Multiplication and Division:

In this topic we will learning:

- To use place value, known and derived facts to multiply mentally
- To use place value, known and derived facts to divide mentally
- To calculate multiplication facts using the distributive law
- Resources required for this unit
- Place value counters
- Place value chart
- Counters or cubes for arrays
- To use the distributive law to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number
- To use explore multiplying three 1-digit numbers
- To use short multiplication to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number (two lessons)
- To use a range of strategies to multiply
- To use mental strategies to divide
- To explore division using knowledge of multiples
- To use short division to divide a 2- or 3-digit number by a 1-digit number (two lessons)
- To problem solve using four operations

### As theologians...

In RE this half term we will be learning about 'Teachers and Leaders' in Hinduism as well as learning about how Hindus learn about their religion.

### As musicians...

As musicians we will be focussing on World Music. We will have the opportunity to both listen to a wide range of music as well as to improve our music skills with separate lessons where we will continue to learn the glockenspiel.

### As linguists...

As linguists in Mandarin this half term we will be looking at locality and stationery.

### Questions the children want to find out about the Ancient Greeks

- How were they significant?
- What impact did the Ancient Greece have on our lives today?



### As historians...

As historians, we will be looking at the Ancient Greeks and their impact on modern life. We will also be learning about democracy and the importance of this.

### As artists...

As artists we will be painting landscapes and volcanoes. We will be looking at the artist Hokusai and will explore using a variety of brush strokes to develop our painting skills.

### As budding techies...

In computing this half term we will be learning how to debug coding errors. As well as this we will also continue to learn how to use technology safely and respectfully.

### As geographers...

We will be learning about the lines of longitude, latitude, hemispheres, and tropics of Capricorn and Cancer. We will also begin to locate areas and understand what life is like for people living within each area.

### As sports people...

Owl and Magpie class will be focusing on dynamic balance, static balance and agility. Children will be developing the footwork skills learnt from last term. We will also be going swimming.

### As good citizens...

In PSHE we will be learning about money and how to be responsible with it. We will also learn about sustainability and continue to develop our understanding of the UN rights of the child.

## Notices and reminders

- PE is on MONDAY and THURSDAY every week for Owl and Magpie Class. Swimming will take place for Magpie Class 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November every day. Owl class will go from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December every day. **Please ensure children have their swimming kit (one piece swimming costume for girls, shorts which do not cover the knee for boys. Every child needs to wear a swimming cap.**
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the relevant day.
- Your child will be set two tasks each week in addition to their expected daily reading. Your child will be given a sheet in their homework book which will explain what the tasks are. Both tasks will need recording in the homework book. The homework is generally a reinforcement of the week's learning that has taken place.
- Homework will be given out every Wednesday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday at the latest.
- Please read with your child every day and initial your child's comments.
- Please ensure your child's iPad is in school everyday and fully charged as these are used to support learning daily.

Thank you for your support!

### Year 4 Team

Class Teachers: Miss Johnston and Miss Begum

Teaching Assistant: Miss White