

Juniors Curriculum Guide



Autumn Term 2017

Literacy

With Mrs Price we will be looking at super heroes. We will look at what makes a super hero. We will look at the techniques used in comics and graphic novels, including speech bubbles and how they are differentiated. We will consider onomatopoeia words. We will plan a super hero story, including characters and setting and write our own super hero panel strip to include all the above, which we will then edit and evaluate for improvement. Following this we will be studying instruction and explanation texts, looking at how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. We will identify the features of these texts. We will look at semi-colons and colons, commas, brackets and dashes. We will write our own instructions and explanations the edit and evaluate these texts.

In guided reading we will be discussing and reading 'The Elephant in the Garden' by Michael Murpurgo.

With Mrs Gatfield we will be looking at features of Biographies and Autobiographies through reading the text 'Boy', an autobiography by Roald Dahl about his childhood. Within this topic we will also be investigating; Dialogue, Noun phrases, and Complex sentences, building our vocabulary and revisiting certain literary techniques such as metaphors and similes. Towards the end of the term we will be looking at some Classic Poetry such as 'The Walrus and The Carpenter' by Lewis Carroll in order to understand Performance and Persuasive writing. Also 'Cautionary Tales' by Hilaire Belloc in order to understand and encourage debate and to have a go at writing their own cautionary tale.

Numeracy

Each child will be working on a book of an appropriate level to him/her. The work is divided up into roughly seven topics per term. After each section a short test is applied to see how much each child has assimilated and notes kept for when the subject is revisited later in the year.

Tables will continue to be worked on at each child's appropriate level.

Science

We will be looking at Forces, learning what gravity and resistance are. We will understand that unsupported objects fall to earth because of the force of gravity pulling them. We will plan an investigation into air resistance, using simple parachutes. We will recognise that some mechanisms, including

levers and pulleys, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. We will also investigate gears and friction.

PSHE/RE

We will start the term with the topic of 'Feelings' to help identify and cope with the changes that take place at the start of the school year.

As we move through the term we will follow some of the festivals celebrations from the 'Interfaith' calendar and our PSHE will link with some of the themes:

Autumn Equinox – Harmony and Balance – Yin/Yang

Christian Harvest Festival – Caring for others and saying 'Thank you'

Ghandi – Peace/Different POV and respecting others. Interfaith week of world peace.

Diwali – Lights/understanding

Remembrance day – accepting responsibility and consequences of behaviour.

Christmas – Different kinds of love.

Humanities

We will be studying The Vikings this term. We will start by putting the period onto a timeline. We will consider how historians know about the Vikings. We will learn about raids and invasion and settlements. We will find out who the Vikings were, where they came from and what made them successful.

Art

In Art we will be combining with our Viking topic making Viking long ships, shields and helmets and doing some weaving and making day pots.

After half-term we will be looking at the work of Hunderwasser.

Drama

We will refresh some of the skills learnt last year such as mime and characterisation. I will then introduce some new themes such as; Shape, Power, Sound pictures. They will explore creating their own piece of devised Drama and develop this over 2 or 3 weeks; also looking at scripts and developing someone else's ideas.

French

1. Alphabet in French
2. Greetings, politeness, pleasantries
3. Colours
4. Numbers 1 - 20
5. Using a calendar: days, months, age, birthdays
6. Introductions

ICT

In ICT this term the Juniors will be covering the following topics:

Word - creating documents using text, images (resizing and cropping), and creating page borders. They will also learn keyboard shortcuts.

Excel (Spreadsheets) - Identifying components of a spreadsheet, entering data into workbook, creating simple calculations, charts, printing data and formula.

File Management

Introducing Programming Scratch

PE

Swimming – according to their ability students will be working towards Personal Survival water safety skills, Speed and Distance Awards.



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