

Turner Class Newsletter

September 2017



Welcome to Turner class! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling relaxed and ready to take on the new school year.

The timetable will be staying the same in Turner with English and Numeracy featuring in the morning sessions with Topic, PE, RE, French and Computing following in the afternoon.

Below you will find a brief review of this term's learning outline in Literacy, Numeracy and Science:

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on *Mouse Bird Snake Wolf* by David Almond. Through these sessions we will aim to read and discuss a book that is set in another reality, exploring the theme of imagination; appreciating how children can create anything beyond their wildest imaginations.

Numeracy

We will be beginning this term looking at multiplication, division and measures. Later in the term, we will be looking at: data handling, converting between different units of measure and calculating different measures. As with last term there will still be a focus on reasoning and problem solving to develop a conceptual understanding of mathematics.

Science

In science this term we will be looking at Sound. We will explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments from around the world; and find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways.

Topic, DT and Art

This term our topic is 'Home sweet home'. Pupils will continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. They will note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. In Art, pupils will be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design. DT will involve using creativity and imagination. Pupils will design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts, considering their own and others' needs, wants and values. Computing will be taught as a separate subject in line with the new curriculum.

RE

From September 2017 RE will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource 'Understanding Christianity'. Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are a part of the KAS. Our key questions are: 'What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?' As well as 'What is the Trinity?' from a Christian perspective.

French, Music and PE

French will now be taught by myself on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Witherden will still be taking Turner for music on a Wednesday where children continuing to master the recorder. PE will take place on a Monday and Thursday, so please could you make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit in school.

Home Learning

Children will be set a piece of numeracy and literacy homework each week with the week's topic in that area in mind. This will be set on a Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday. Home learning is reviewed regularly to ensure each individual's understanding. I would encourage children to complete their homework on time and with appropriate effort and presentation. Unfortunately, if homework is not completed children would be required to attend homework club.

Reading

Reading is an important part of a child's development and your support is truly valued. I ask that you spend 15 minutes each evening listening to your child read. Choosing books for children to read can often prove a difficult task so please do not hesitate to discuss this with me, I am more than happy help in this area. Children will have a reading book that links to Accelerated Reader at an appropriate book level. Your child will also be given a contact book. The main purpose for this book is for you to record their reading (name of book, author, pages read and any comments about their reading you think would be of help). It may also be used to write any information, comments or concerns you may want to raise.

Spelling

Spelling tasks will require children to practise the correct spelling of words and to apply these both at home and at school.

Numeracy

Times table and mental arithmetic tests will be completed weekly.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mrs van Heerden