

Turner Class Newsletter

January 2018



Welcome back! I trust you had a great Christmas with family and friends. I hope you are ready for the new term and all it entails.

The timetable will be staying the same with Literacy and Maths 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 reading Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. A gentle and wise grey spider with a flair for promotion pledges to save a young pig from slaughter for dinner food.

Numeracy

We will be consolidating place value this term, as well as the formal method of addition, subtraction and multiplication. 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 Animals including people. We will explore and identify the digestive system including the parts and functions. We will learn about teeth and tooth decay. We will look into food chains and how they work in cycles.

Topic, DT and Art

This term our topic is 'American Dream'. DT, Art, Geography and History will be taught together under the topic of American Dream. We will be looking at America and their states and comparing some of them to the UK. 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 kind of world did Jesus want?' and 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday?'' from a Christian perspective.

French, Music and PE

French will still 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 Friday, 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. Please make use of your child's 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.