

Turner Class Newsletter

April 2018



Welcome back! I trust you had a fantastic Easter spent with family and friends. I hope you are ready for the last term and all it has to offer.

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 *Hot like Fire* by prize-winning and renowned performance poet, Valerie Bloom. She spent her childhood in Jamaica and now lives in Kent. Her poems reflect her dual heritage.

Numeracy

We will be consolidating fractions and moving on to decimals. 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 Living things including their habitats. We will start with grouping living things. Then we will classify vertebrates. We will look into local habitats and study environmental changes.

Topic, DT and Art

This term our topic is 'Our Wonderful World'. DT, Art, Geography and History will be taught together under the topic of Our Wonderful World. We will be looking mostly at the seven modern wonders of the world. 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: 'Why do some people think that life is a journey?' and 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' from a Christian perspective.

French, Music and PE

French will be taught by myself and Mrs Coleman 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. 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. This term will be offering another reading challenge. Please encourage your child to participate. There will be individual rewards as well as a collective class reward.

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.