

LEARNING FOR LIFE

RE - the autumn term focuses on why Jesus is inspiring to some people. We start by thinking about people who inspire us.

RHE, Health & Wellbeing, Wider World - we begin by learning all about 'The Glebe Way', how to explain and regulate our emotions and wellbeing.

Moving on, we will be focusing on building resilience and self-esteem.

In term 2, it is anti-bullying week. We will also be learning about responsibilities as we grow up, the human life cycle and how to look after our mental health.

HOMEWORK

Please listen to your child read at least 4 times a week and record their reading in their homework diaries.

- Practise spellings on Spelling Shed
- Maths homework in their homework books.
- Practise times tables on TTRockstars - including taking part in battles that are set.
- Please encourage children to spend time on Lexia as part of their reading homework.

WIDER CURRICULUM

MUSIC - We will be following the Charanga Model Music Curriculum studying a range of styles. We will look at: Musical structures and Feelings when you play.

Art and DT - This term we will be exploring two of the formal elements of Art; texture and pattern. We will be looking at mark making techniques and making our own textured stamps for printing. In DT we will be looking at designing and making our own torches. Studying their electrical components and evaluating our products.

HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?

Please encourage your child to complete weekly homework activities as these will really support their learning in school. Being able to recall times tables will help in other areas of Maths and learning to tell the time is something which can easily be developed at home so please focus on these areas. Reading is so important to all areas of the curriculum, it would be very beneficial to your child if you model positive reading habits. Thanks for your support.

History - we will be learning all about the Roman empire including; invasions, Boudicca, Gladiators and Hadrian's Wall.

Geography - In Autumn 2, we will be studying Megacities. We will use atlases and maps to explore where megacities are located around the world and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in the urban area.

LANGUAGES - In French we will be learning how to introduce ourselves and talk about our families.

ONLINE PORTALS

Spelling/Maths/Quiz Shed
<https://www.spellingshed.com>

Lexia
<https://www.lexiacore5.com>

TTRockstars and Numbots
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/32238>

ENGLISH - In Autumn 1, we will be focusing on quest stories as our fiction unit where we will explore existing texts/books and grammatical features before creating our own secret agent quest story. Our non-fiction unit will focus on designing our own spy-gadget and writing persuasive adverts to go with these designs.

In Autumn 2, we will be studying fantasy narratives with a focus on setting descriptions. We will also explore existing information texts and the features of them before writing our own.

READING - VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval, Summarise) is used during whole class reading sessions covering all genres some of which are linked to topics such as 'Escape from Pompeii'. In Year 4, we ensure that the children read/study quality texts every day and also plan in slots to enable the children to 'read for pleasure'. Each term we complete a book study, where we read a book together and complete VIPERS activities. In the Autumn term we will be studying Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine.

PHONICS -Some children will take part in the Fresh Start programme.

GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) -

The grammar focus will be linked to the genre of English being studied. We base our spelling programme on Spelling Shed - there is no weekly spelling test but activities are set online as part of weekly homework.

SCIENCE - In the first half term, will be studying states of matter. We will compare and group materials together and observe how materials change at different temperatures. In term 2, we will be learning about electricity; appliances, simple circuits and conductors and insulators. Working scientifically is integrated across all units of work.

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THE GLEBE WAY

PE - We will be going swimming every **Tuesday** morning. Please ensure your child remembers their swimming kit and a towel.

We have our outdoor PE lesson every **Friday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit and trainers in school at all time. If your child can't remove their own earrings, please do not send them into school wearing them on PE days. Hair must be tied back for sports.

Outdoor PE: fundamental skills, football.

MATHS - we will be following the White Rose Maths Scheme for Year 4.

In term 1 the focus is on place value (understanding the value of digits in a number depending on where the digit is placed in the number). A solid understanding of place value is essential in order to understand other areas of mathematics. We will begin with comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000. We will then study roman numerals, linked to our history topic.

In term 2, we focus on calculation; addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers and reasoning problems.

Problem solving, Real Life Maths and Active Maths are included in units throughout the year.

100 Club - this is a times tables challenge carried out at least weekly. By the end of year 4, children are already expected to know all of their times tables. Please practise these at home.

COMPUTING -This term we will be studying how computers work, safe use of the internet and Online safety, which is embedded throughout the computing curriculum.