



Welcome back. We hope you had a restful Easter break. This half term, our curriculum focus areas are geography and art.

In geography, the children will be learning about world trade and in particular what the UK imports and exports. We will also reflect on how trade has changed over time. Finally, we will study FairTrade and consider the issues people face in El Salvador and how these impact their income.

In art, the children will continue to develop their drawing skills, building on what they have learnt in previous terms. They will be creating tone using pencil and charcoal and use this in observational drawings. Following this, the children will be studying the artwork of Elizabeth St Hilaire. They will explore collage techniques and use these to create their own piece of work.

In science work will be developing the children's understanding of inheritance and adaptation and investigating DNA. They will also be considering what it means to have a healthy lifestyle and the positive and negative impacts of different food groups on the body.

In English, we will be looking at the organisational and language features of instructions and diaries.

In PSHE we will be learning about relationships and in RE we will be reflecting if the belief in Akhira (life after death) help Muslims live better lives. In PE the children will be developing their dance and rounders skills. Throughout the term, they will also be taking part in a range of computing, music and French activities.

Here are some things you might want to do at home:

- Conduct your own research into the location of El Salvador in relation to the UK.
- What FairTrade items can you find in your local supermarket?
- Research famous collage artists and use an artist as inspiration to create a piece of artwork.
- Design a healthy meal using what you know about the different food groups.

Reading at home

It is important to hear your child read at home or share stories with them. The homework policy is to read 5 times a week at home. Your child will bring home a coloured reading book but is also encouraged to read a book for their own enjoyment, for example an information book, a magazine or a poetry book.

Core Texts

The core texts we will be reading this half term are: The girl who stole an elephant, Boy in the Tower and the Haunting of Aveline Jones.

Homework

We will be continuing to set homework this half term in line with the homework policy:

- In Year 5 and 6, maths and English homework is set every Thursday and is due in the following Tuesday.
- Children are expected to read a minimum of five times per week and this is to be recorded in their planners (Year 6) or reading records (Year 5).
- Children should access TT Rock Stars for a minimum of 10 minutes daily. It is important that all children are able to recall their times table and division facts **randomly** and **at speed**.
- Throughout the year, additional spelling, punctuation and grammar homework may also be set to support the learning taking place at school.
- Homework club is run every Thursday during lunch time if the children would prefer to complete this at school.

PE Days

For PE days, children can come to school wearing the correct PE kit, considering the weather. Please ensure appropriate footwear is worn on these days and children have a refillable water bottle with them. The children will have PE on the following days:

Stingrays: Wednesday and Friday

Sharks: Tuesday and Wednesday

Dolphins: Thursday and Friday

Important information



Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) will be taking place this half term, between Monday 13th and Thursday 16th May. Please see the parent information PowerPoint, sent via Parent Mail last half term, for details. If you have any questions, then speak to Mrs McGarragh or Mrs Lockley.

The teachers in Upper Key Stage 2 are:

Mrs McGarragh (each morning) and Mrs Barton (Tuesday-Thursday afternoons) –
Stingray's class teachers

Susan Burton (Monday-Thursday) and Hira Shahzad (Friday) - Dolphins' class
teachers

Mrs Lockley – Sharks' class teacher

The adults supporting in Upper Key Stage 2 are:

Miss Holman, Mrs Donald, Mrs Brown and Mr Marshall