

America Class Newsletter

Welcome back to the second Spring half term. This is where it starts to get busy!

Curriculum

English- We will complete our unit of work based around Macbeth with a balanced argument. Was Macbeth a hero or a villain? We will then move onto a new class based novel, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne. We will examine the text, the characters and the plot and use this as inspiration for our own writing. I would ask please that you do not watch the film with your child before we read the book as this can make it difficult when making predictions.

Maths-

We will focus on revision and problem solving in CLIC sessions and in maths lessons we will be continuing with work on percentages and moving on to algebra and statistics. Introducing the concepts and then working towards increased fluency and reasoning.

Topic- This half term we have a history topic. We will be examining how the way that people spent their leisure time in the 20th century changed. This will include looking at film, television, music, fashion and sport. If you or grandparents could share what it was like when you were younger - maybe let them look at photographs of what you wore or share the music you listened to that would be great.

RE - We will be looking at the Easter Story and how it unfolded during the time leading up to the death of Jesus. Who was there and what part did they play.

Science - Animals including humans - Different systems in the body with a focus on circulation and how our circulatory system works. This will include looking at how we can look after our bodies or harm them including the food we eat, exercise, and substances we put into our system, including drugs and alcohol.

French - Sports and pastimes. We will be improving our vocabulary, expressing our opinions and building up sentences using the correct French vocabulary.

PE -Football with Newcastle United coaches and netball skills - passing, invading and dodging. Kits will be needed in school on Monday and Wednesday (outdoor kit and spare socks on Monday please). Long hair should be tied back and I would encourage the children not to wear earrings on PE days.

Music - Singing and performing

Art and Design - British Art. This will continue from last half term and will be extended by looking at pop art.

PSHE - The children will be looking at safety. This will include safety when out and about- water, road and rail, online safety and personal safety including the PANTS rule.

Homework

Please continue to listen to your child read three times a week and sign their reading record each time. It really does make a difference to their understanding of the text. To help the children to be more prepared for their SATs tests in the summer, and in readiness for more homework at High School, the children are now getting maths homework on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday. There is a letter explaining this in their homework folder. A letter has also been sent out with a password from SPAG.com where tasks will be set to consolidate their understanding of punctuation and grammar terms.

Dates

4th March- World Maths Day

5th March - World Book Day

16th March - Visit to Brunton Airfield

18th March- Year 6 class worship

27th March- Parent Meeting for Hawse End Trip 5pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Rebecca Hedley