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Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and are feeling ready for the term ahead, which we know the children will love. It has been great to see all the children come back to school with such a positive attitude and ready to learn.

Our topics this term

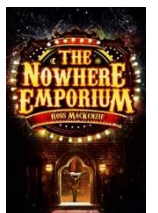
PE lessons this term will continue to take place on a **Friday**. The topic will be Gymnastics, and this will generally take place indoors. Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school, that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed for all sessions. We encourage the children to change for PE to reinforce the messages taught in PSHE about keeping your body healthy.



Our main topic for the term will be a **Geography** lead topic of Coasts and Environments, which will include a variety of both physical and human geography. Something very exciting about this topic is how closely it relates to the Robin Hoods Bay residential, which will be coming up later this term. It will be a great opportunity for fieldwork and allow the children to compare this region with where they currently live. More details will be provided about the residential soon.

The children also have an exciting **Design and Technology** unit coming up, where they will be making their own animal using a gear, lever, or pulley. This will relate heavily to their **Science** topic of Forces, where the children will be able to recognise the effect of different mechanism types. Later into the term, they will cover the scientific topic of Living Things and their Habitats, where they will describe the differences in the life cycle of a mammal, amphibian, insect, and bird.

Our **English** learning will focus on the novel 'The Nowhere Emporium' written by Ross McKenzie. They will continue to use the sentence stacking technique from the Jane Considine unit, to provide them opportunities to increase their grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary knowledge. This will lead onto them producing some independent writing based on the novel, where they will use all the skills, they have learnt to show off their writing skills.



In **Mathematics**, our focus for the term is decimals, percentages, area, and perimeter. We will also continue with our daily 'Fluent in 5' sessions, which will test the children's arithmetic knowledge. This will play an important part to all the topics we are studying this term. Our KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) this term will be finding factor pairs of a number and learning all the prime numbers up to 50.

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The children will also be mixing and matching colours in their **Art** to create both light and atmosphere, which will be in the style of the local artist – David Utting. In **Computing**, we will start the term on Databases, eventually leading onto the 'Game Creator' topic, where the children will have the opportunity to use all the skills, they have learnt to create their own interactive computer games.

'My Healthy Lifestyle' and 'Me and My Future' are the topics for our PSHE work. We will be learning about all aspects of keeping healthy, and what different jobs there are when you leave school, thinking about how you can reach your aspirations.

Our unit in RE is 'What would Jesus do?' and will explore the question of whether we can live by the values of Jesus in the 21st Century.

It has also been really pleasing to see how much the children have enjoyed **Spanish** so far this year and we are looking forward to starting our new topic about the weather.

Homework

Homework continues to be sent home weekly on a Friday and handed in by Wednesday the following week. This will always have some sort of spelling and grammar focus and will be closely linked to their current learning. The children's Maths homework this half term will be to learn their times tables at speed up to 12x12. Times Table knowledge is crucial this year as the Upper Key Stage curriculum is extremely reliant on the children having this prior knowledge. We want all the children to reach their potential in Maths and therefore encourage that they are learning all their times tables weekly. We will also be having weekly times table tests to test their knowledge, so please could you support your child where possible in learning these. There are some brilliant activities on Purple Mash and www.timestables.co.uk, which will help them with this.



We also encourage the love for reading daily. It is still important for your child to continue to read daily at home and we kindly ask if this can be recorded in their reading records. We always look forward to hearing your children read at school and hear everything they have learnt from their books.

Finally, if you have any questions about the term ahead, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to a busy and positive Spring term in Year 5!

Mr Ashford, Mrs Benson, and Mrs Duck