

Dear Parents,

Please find attached all of the exciting things that we will be learning about this term!

Our main 'driver topic' this term will be history: 'Ancient Civilisations.' Please remind your children to practise their spellings and time tables at home. I will also be sending out a range of optional tasks to support our curriculum learning this term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Probert

English:

This term, our focus text is, *The Darkest Dark*, by Chris Hadfield.

We will be writing a recount: a formal biography of Chris Hadfield learning the relevant grammar conventions associated with this.

History:

This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.

Computing:

This term, our computing unit is called Mars Rover 1. We will identify some of the types of data that Mars Rover collects and explain how it transmits the data back to earth.



Spanish:

We will learn key vocabulary and phrases for asking and answering questions when they go shopping.

We will also learn about continents and countries, especially where Spanish is spoken.

Finally, we will learn about the past tense of the verb see and describe animals in a zoo.



Maths:

This term, we will revisit the core mathematical concepts: place value and the four operations (+ - x ÷)

We will also be developing our understanding of data and line graphs.

(Practising your times tables as much as possible will be of great benefit!)



Art:

We will complete two projects, titled: Statues, Statuettes and Figurines and Islamic Art. We will study 3D representations of the human form and study examples from ancient civilisations, using our clay skills to create a Sumer-style figurine. In our second unit, we will explore geometric patterns and motifs on paper, with fabric and in clay.



PE:

We will once again participate in Forest School. We will also develop our skills and techniques in tennis this term.

RE: In RE, we will pose the question, 'What is it like to be a Muslim in Britain today'. We will find out about the Qu'ran and consider the importance of the Five Pillars of Islam.



PSHE:

In PSHE, we will be 'Aiming High', exploring our learning styles and considering what helps us to succeed. We will learn about how to overcome obstacles and what exciting opportunities we have now and in the future.

Geography:

As Geography was the main 'driver topic' last term, this term we will revise the key learning from that unit.

Science:

This term, year 5 will learn about properties and changes of materials. They will learn about mixtures and how they can be separated using sieving, filtration and evaporation. They will also study reversible and irreversible changes.

Year 4's topic is: *Circuits & Conductors*. The children will learn about electrical appliances and safety. They will construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They will investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors.

DT:

This term, we will learn about simple machines, including wheels, axles, inclined planes, pulleys and levers, exploring how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads.

Music:

This term we will be playing the glockenspiel and recorder while learning Motown classics, such as 'Dancing in the Street'

