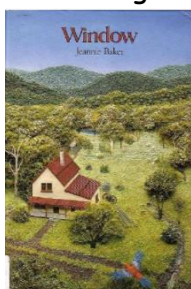


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a great Christmas break.

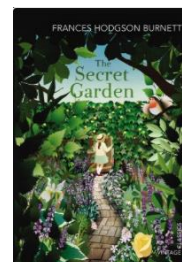
I am really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting things I have lined up for your children.

We are taking a cross-curricular approach to our learning this term as we take a look at farming and how this differs throughout the world.

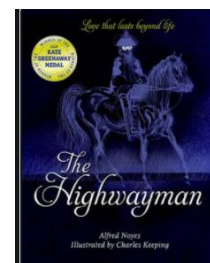


English - Books being covered in guided reading sessions include, *The Secret Garden* - Frances Hodgson Burnett; *The Highwayman* - Alfred Noyes and *Window* - Jeannie Baker.

In creative writing we will look at Debate and Discussion, Narrative Writing and Non-Chronological Reports, such as Farming methods and techniques.



Maths - Speed and accuracy of calculations will continue to be our focus throughout the Maths curriculum this term. We will continue to work on our multiplication tables, an essential skill, which will help the children in all areas of Maths.



Problem solving strategies will also be built upon, with the problems becoming increasingly challenging.



Topic - Sow, Grow and Farm. This topic will look at farming within the UK, as well as looking at climate zones and what crops are farmed in North and South America.

Science - again working alongside our topic of Sow, Grow and Farm we will investigate, Food-webs, the life cycles of animals and plants, labelling the parts of a plant and plant reproduction; throughout working scientifically and observe, record and analyse.

PSHE - This term our focus will be on resilience and debating topical issues.

PE -our first focus will be Gymnastics and creative movement. After half term we will move on to look at the game of Badminton.

Computing - Using 'Purple Mash' we will continue to look at databases and spreadsheets. We will then move on to look at creating games using programming.

RE - our first topic this term is Local Church and Community. Through this topic we will begin to know and understand: inspirational communities; the local diocese and its



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mission; Jesus' mission during His life. This will be followed by a study of Eucharist and then as we move towards Easter, Lent and giving.

Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows:

- Read (daily) - their school reading book alongside their own choice of books. I would also ask that you encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and give them ideas for their own writing.
- Practise spellings (daily)
- English task/activity (weekly)
- Times table practise (daily)
- Mathematics task/activity (weekly)
- Science / RE activity (if required)
- Long term topic homework (one a term)

PE

PE lessons will be on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a hoodie/sweatshirt to keep them warm. In the interests of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them or cover them with tape.

Looking forward to working with you this term,

Mrs Bayley