

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be looking at information texts; specifically reports. We are writing in third person, providing vital information, on a specific, endangered animal and how to cater for it. In our skills section, we are focusing on commas to avoid ambiguity, paragraphing, parenthesis and modal verbs and adverbs.

Maths

Moving into our second half term, we will be concentrating on furthering the children's understanding of addition and subtraction of numbers with more than 4 digits, including decimal numbers up to three decimal places. To deepen their understanding, we will be using concrete resources, such as: numicon, base 10 and place value counters within place value grids.

Music and Art

Our learning this term is going to focus around two tunes: Three Note Bossa and The Five Note Swing. We will be listening and comparing the two tunes, playing instruments and improvising, before performing to the rest of the class. In art, our artist that we are going to study is Byron Howard, who is a local sculpture, we will study his work and create a clay model of Conisborough Castle.

We're off t' good ol' Donny...

PE

This term we will be focusing on basketball. We will be teaching the key skills of basketball, such as: dribbling, passing, shooting, defending and team work.

History

We will be looking at how Doncaster has changed over the years, specifically looking at 'Danum', and the impact the Romans had on Doncaster. We will take the children on learning walk around Doncaster, studying our local area, taking pictures to compare with photos taken throughout the 1900s.

Science

We will be looking at forces, where we will be looking at all types of forces and analyse objects with forces upon them. We shall investigate best surfaces, which prevent slipping and how canopy sizes can affect a parachute's rate of descent.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be continuing with using Jigsaw, this term the unit we will be looking at is 'celebrating differences' and 'anti-bullying', where we will be looking at the differences between direct and indirect bullying and the impact that this has on people.

Geography

We will focusing on comparing Doncaster with another town of similar size, in a different country, looking at the differences in the local news, entertainment, education and people. We will use maps to find Doncaster and our other chosen town, looking at locations of countries, counties and cities, as well as creating our own local map of Doncaster, by taking pictures of local areas.

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Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 4th November 2019 - Staff training day
- Tuesday 5th November 2019 - School opens
- Thursday 7th November 2019 - Big talk parent workshop
- Thursday 14th November 2019 - Big talk school workshop
- Wednesday 20th November 2019 - Christmas Fayre
- Monday 16th December 2019 - Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol service
- Friday 20th December 2019 - School closes

Spellings

Spelling techniques are taught within lessons. Children will be sent home with a list of words on a Monday. They will then be a dictation test on the Friday. Please encourage your child to practice their spellings each week!



PE

Class 11's PE will be on a **Wednesday morning** and a **Thursday afternoon**.

Class 12's PE will be on a **Wednesday morning** and a **Thursday afternoon**.

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school on these days as both are important and enjoyable parts of the curriculum. **REMINDER:** Children's P.E. kits **should consist of blue or black shorts**, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps. Tracksuit bottoms are optional during colder weather.