

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, relative clauses and pronouns, expanded noun phrases, modal verbs and adverbs.

Maths

Moving into our second half term, we will be concentrating on furthering the children's understanding of multiplications, in particular, squared and cubed numbers, prime and factors and multiples. We will then move on to looking at shape, in particular, area and perimeter. To deepen their understanding, we will be using concrete resources, such as: numicon, base10 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...

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.

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 look in-depth at Doncaster, studying our local area, taking pictures to compare with photos taken throughout the 1900s. We will also compare current maps of Doncaster with older maps, dating back pre-1900s, looking at the similarities and differences.

PE

This term pupils will be introduced to the sport of orienteering. Using a course around the school grounds, pupils embed their knowledge of maps through practical application. They develop and reflect upon skills, allowing them to compete effectively in progressively more challenging activities. Pupils will learn how to read maps, applying this knowledge in the field, take part in an outdoor adventurous activity presenting intellectual and physical challenges and finally work both individually and as part of a team to develop skills and solve problems.

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.

Geography

We will be 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 2nd November 2020 – Staff training day
- Tuesday 3rd November 2020 – School opens
- November 2020 – Christmas Fayre
- Friday 18th December 2020 – School closes

Spellings

Spelling techniques are taught within lessons. Children will be sent home with a list of words on a Monday. There 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 afternoon**.

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

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.