

Literacy

We are linking Literacy with our reading, focusing on the Windrush – What it was and what impact it had on our history. We will be linking this to early British history and the founding of the empire whilst also considering the implications. We shall be writing a balanced argument this half term along with a letter. In our reading we will be looking at a variety of non-fiction related to the Windrush and Sir Ernest Shackleton – an explorer who went to the South Pole – broadening our understandings of how the world was discovered and developed.

Maths

Moving into our second half term, we will be concentrating on furthering the children's understanding of the four operations – addition, subtraction multiplication and division. In particular, we will be focusing on written methods: column addition and subtraction, short multiplication and short division. Half way through the term, we will have an enterprise week, where we will use the maths skills that we have learnt to calculate the costs for the product that we are making, sales costs and the overall profit.

Art

This term we will be focusing on sketching skills, recognising the different methods of sketching and shading as well as the uses of the different pencils. We will use these skills to create detailed drawings of St George's church, starting with focusing on a small areas and building it into a final art piece.

Doncaster

History

We will look in-depth at Doncaster, studying our local area and the significant landmarks.

In terms of British history, we shall be learning about the early British Empire and how people came to settle in the UK and grow it into the multi-cultural hub it is today.

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.

DT

This term we will be focussing on pulleys and linking this with our Science, looking at push and pull forces. We will use pulleys to plan, create and evaluate a Roman catapult.

PE

This term we will be focussing on gymnastics. In these lessons we will learn and build up gymnastic skills, that are needed to be able to create a sequence. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit each Monday to support with this.

Science

We will be researching Sir Isaac Newton and discovering why he is significant. Along with this, we will be learning about the three laws of motion and understanding what gravity is. With this, we will learn about air resistance and use this knowledge to investigate how this is needed to support a parachute.

Geography

We will be using maps to find Doncaster and our other chosen town, looking at locations of countries, counties and cities. In terms of Doncaster, we will also be locating the famous landmarks on maps, using four and six figure grid references and key symbols to help us locate these.

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Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 31st October 2022 – Staff training day
- Tuesday 1st November 2022 – School opens
- Thursday 24th November 2022 – Christmas Fayre
- Friday 16th December 2022 – 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

PE

Class 11 and 12's PE will be on a Monday 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.

