

LITERACY

In Literacy, we will be using the book, Operation Gadgetman to lead our writing. We will be beginning by designing our own gadget and writing detailed descriptions of these before writing a persuasive advert. We will then be exploring newspaper articles and will be writing our own article based on a very exciting and suspenseful part of the text. Our grammar focuses for this half term will include: paragraphing, using and punctuating inverted commas and using persuasive language.

Within reading we will be using Operation Gadgetman to lead our sessions. We will be exploring a wider range of comprehension domains and will be specifically focusing on questions where evidence from the text is needed to support our answers. We will be exploring how we can use the text and our inference skills to answer questions in our own ways.

Children are encouraged to change their reading books as frequently as possible. Children change reading books first thing in a morning as they come into the classroom and are encouraged to explore a variety of texts to best suit their interests. We would appreciate any support at home to build opportunities for independent and collaborative reading.

We would love to hear about any books the pupils are reading at home and they are welcome to bring these into school to read too!

Science + ICT

During our Science sessions, we will be learning all about sound. We will be beginning by exploring what sound is and how it is made. We will then be moving on to looking at how we hear different sounds and exploring the patterns between the pitch of the sound and the object that made it.

In ICT we will be focusing on using different programmes to write for different audiences. We will be using our ICT programme, Purple Mash to write: Newspaper articles, letters, make presentations and leaflets based on a variety of topics.

PE

This half term we will be focusing on Rugby. We have been given the amazing opportunity to be trained by Doncaster Knights RUFC. Outdoor kits will be needed, which must include a pair of trainers. Pupils will be provided with a school PE kit if this is not brought into school.

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POVERTY

Theme/Geography

Our global citizenship curriculum focus for this half term is, Poverty. We will be exploring the question, *'What does the word poverty mean to us and others across the world and why is this still a global issue?'* We will be looking in-depth at the role of the United Nations and the promises made through the '17 Sustainable Goals.'

We will compare different levels of poverty and will explore different reasons for poverty across the world. We will use P4C sessions to ask relevant questions to further develop our understanding further.

We will also be spending the half term studying the country of South Sudan, as this has the highest poverty rate in the world. We will be creating ways to best support the people of South Sudan and will be celebrating everything amazing about this country.

History

For the first two weeks of this half term, we will be exploring the Stuart era. We will be studying James VI of Scotland and how he became James I and the Union of the Crown.

We will also be learning all about Charles I and some of the unpopular decisions he made and how these lead to the Civil War.

We will also be learning all about key significant events during this time frame such as the Gunpowder Plot, The Great Plague and the Great Fire of London.

MATHS

During this half term, we will be continuing our learning on fractions before moving on to decimals. We will be leading most of our learning using problem solving. We began this approach last term and were astounded by the children and their approaches, resilience and teamwork to solving problems.

This is our final half term before our Multiplication Check. Every Y4 pupil will take part in a National Multiplication Check, where they will be given 25 multiplication questions and 6 seconds to answer each.

We cannot stress enough how important times tables are and the immense impact having these at quick recall can have on the pupils as they move through into upper key stage two.

Here is a useful website which is set out very similar to that of the check:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Just a reminder that children can now return and change their reading books on a daily basis.
- Please continue to support your child with their times tables by logging into TTRS, SumDog or the website above as often as possible.
- Please continue to practise spellings with your child/ren. Children will bring home their new spellings on a Monday and will need to return their yellow book to school on a Friday ready for the dictation.
- Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle to school. Please also note that bottles should only be filled with plain water. Juice or flavoured water should not be brought to school.
- PE kits should be brought into school on appropriate PE days or on a Monday and left until Friday.
- Children must also bring plasters to cover any stud earrings if they cannot be removed.
- Please ensure that children only wear one pair of studded earrings. No hoop or dangly earring should be worn in school.