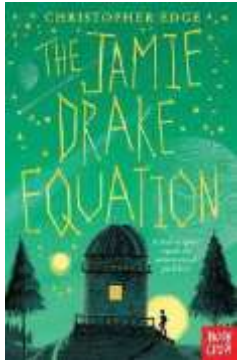


UKS2 Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 2024



In class, we are reading 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge and 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' by Jules Verne.

If you would like to purchase a copy of these books to support your child's learning, then they are available from online retailers. Alternatively visit your local library for a copy (and explore some of the other wonderful books there!)

UKS2 Homework Expectations

Children are expected to spend approximately 30 minutes each night on homework. This is a recommended outline:

Monday	Reading and spelling practice (including Spelling Shed).
Tuesday	Number clubs and times table practice (including TTRS).
Wednesday	Reading, spelling practice (including Spelling Shed) and Big Write ideas.
Thursday	30 minutes working on English
Friday	30 minutes working on Maths

Please refer to the separate spelling and topic project letters for more detail on specific tasks. These can be found on the Class Story section on Dojo.

Reading Awards

The children will work towards their reading awards by reading with an adult. To help your child to achieve their awards, please sign their record after each read. Please note that only one read will be counted per day unless your child reads with an adult during the school day.

Ways to help at home:

1. Help children to complete their homework and take pride in what they produce. It is vital that children complete their homework on time as it gives the opportunity to consolidate what they have learnt in class.
 2. Read with them as often as possible or ask them questions about what they have been reading if they are more confident.
 3. Encourage them to pack their own school bag, taking responsibility for their own things.
 4. Ask them what they have done at school and discuss it. Eg 'what was the highlight of your day?'; 'what did you learn today?'; or 'what did you enjoy most in class today?'
 5. Correct their speech if they say things incorrectly.
 6. Orally practice times tables or related facts e.g. $6 \times 7 = 42$, $0.6 \times 7 = 4.2$.
- NOTE: By end of Y4 children should know all of their times tables up to 12x12.**
7. Ask them to tell you what the time is using analogue clocks.
 8. Challenge them to add up shopping items or select which option is best value for money.
 9. Play educational games on the Internet.
 10. Help them become independent learners by having set routines eg always do homework and go to bed at a set time.

This letter will give you a quick overview of what your child will be learning during this term.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please use Class Dojo and we will get back to you within two working days. For more urgent matters, please feel free to contact the school office.

English

The children will be studying 'The Jamie Drake Equation'. They will be writing from different viewpoints and practising how to appeal to different audiences by writing in a variety of styles. Following this, the children will be creating a non-chronological report based on a new planet which has been discovered.

During Guided Reading sessions, we will be focusing on understanding vocabulary across a range of texts in order to broaden and enrich their knowledge.

You will receive a separate spelling letter explaining the patterns that the children are studying and the days for their spelling tests.

Maths

The children will begin the year looking at place value, followed by the four operations. It is vital that children know their times tables as national expectation is that they should know them all (up to 12x12) by the end of Year 4. Please encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars to practise.

Leading on from the four operations, children will be looking at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. They will be applying all the knowledge that they have learnt to reasoning and problem solving activities.

PE

It is important that the children wear PE kit to school all day on their assigned PE days. This term the children will be focusing on Netball and Gymnastics. PE days will be a Tuesday and Thursday.

PSHE

Our unit this term will be 'Being Me'. This will aid the children to come back into a school setting, make a fresh start in their new class and prepare them for the added responsibility of life in UKS2.

Science and topic

The children will be finding out lots of facts about Space this term. They will be learning about Earth's place in the Solar System as well as explaining why we have day and night, seasons and the phases of the moon. Later in the topic, the children will have the opportunity to study a planet in more detail and find out about famous scientists such as Claudius Ptolemy, Nicolaus Copernicus and Galileo. Our music will be looking at Holst's 'The Planets' and the Star Wars theme tune. In art, we will be studying Robert McCall.

Computing

Our unit will be managing online information and using the programming tool Kodu. Online safety is vital for children to understand due to the continual developments in technology and social media that they encounter. Please continue to discuss e-safety issues at home.

RE

Over the term, we will be discussing the question, 'Why do some people believe God exists?' and later in the term, "What can be done to reduce racism? Can religion help?'

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