



Curricular Newsletter
Term One 2023/2024
(Aug - Dec)

Outdoor Ed (long sleeved uniform (PE) and wellies/jackets): **Thursday**
PE (wear school uniform PE kit all day): **Thursday and Friday**
Please bring red folders, home/school books and reading books daily.

Literacy

We will be learning to use dictionaries and thesauruses, and to understand new words within a text. We will revise and learn the different word classes and their uses, and be able to find synonyms and antonyms of words. We will learn to write blurbs and informal letters, before beginning our unit on recounts at the end of the term, which will continue into next term. Please see home school notebooks for details of reading days, targets and homework. Children will follow their own individual spelling scheme, they will bring home a list of words on a Monday which they should learn for a check up on the Friday – you will be able to see how they did as this will come home in their jotter with their words the following week.

We will recap dates and colours and learn numbers to 100 in French.

We are reading 'Interdimensional Explorers' by Lorraine Gregory.

Maths

We have started term with a whole class topic of measure. We have learnt to measure length accurately using a variety of instruments. We were surprised by how far a kilometre was – especially running it! We will learn to measure mass and capacity, using appropriate units of measure, converting between them (e.g. 1000g = 1kg) and applying our knowledge of fractions (e.g. $1/2\text{kg} = 500\text{g}$). We will then move on to place value, giving the value of a digit within a number, including decimals for those working at second level. We will learn to estimate and to round numbers.

In music we will become familiar with different instruments in an orchestra and listen and appraise different composers. We will learn musical skills when reading music and playing the recorder. In art we will learn to change a surface from 2D to 3D in different ways and use a variety of materials for effect.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we are learning about being active – we will link activity to our topic learning about energy and how this applies to the human body. We will look at opportunities for sport and remaining active in the future. In PE we will be learning attacking and defending skills, as well as accurate throwing and catching with a variety of sizes and shapes of object.

We will be learning about forces and energy. We will explore friction and solve problems to make moving items more efficient. We will look at energy sources and transfer. We will look at wasted energy and explore sources of renewable energy.