

Ruby Class Curriculum

Welcome back I hope you had an awesome holiday. It has been great to see all your lovely children back at school this week.

This term our literacy will start by using the text Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief and we will use this to revise sentence structures as well as learning about expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and formal or informal language. We will write letters as well as creating some descriptive writing. After this, we will be looking at Greek myths and legends and writing our own. The children will be put into small groups to learn appropriate level spellings, which will be available for them to learn via Spelling Shed. (Passwords should be in their reading records). We will also be continuing with Pung Fu to help improve their use of punctuation. Your child should have come home with a reading record. Please can you make sure that your child is reading regularly and writing into their books what they are reading. It would be great if you could sign to say that you have heard them read as I use this as an incentive during this first term.

In numeracy, we will start by looking at place value of numbers and then move on to looking at mental and written addition and subtraction methods. The children will be using a mixture of the numberline method and expanded vertical method. We will also be doing a weekly times tables challenge. By the end of year 4, all children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and it would be really beneficial for your child to practise these at home as well as at school. There are plenty of ways that they can do this and Mr Brown has put these on Google Classroom.

In science, we will be looking at forces. We will be learning about the different forces including gravity, air resistance and water resistance. We will also look at how gears, levers and pulleys work.

Our art and topic fits in with our literacy topic of Ancient Greece. We will start by learning all about the ancient gods and goddesses. We will then find out about the different states of Ancient Greece and learn about what period of time they were about. We will find out who Alexander the Great was and the impact he had on this period of time. We will also look at how the Olympic games started and about the story of Troy. We will also look at Greek vases and make our own out of clay.

For PE this term we will be playing football and having a focus on teamwork and leadership skills. Our lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Mr Brown will take the lessons on a Tuesday and I will lead the lessons on a Wednesday. The Ruby year 5s will be going swimming on a Wednesday instead of a PE lesson (more information on this to follow).

In our music lessons, we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder. Please could your children bring in their recorders for Tuesday lessons. We do have a small collection of recorders that they can borrow at school if they forget or do not have one of their own. If you want to buy and one and are not sure which one to get then please contact me.

On a Thursday afternoon, Ruby class is taught by Mr Mead and he will teach them RE and French. This term in RE, they will be learning about Hinduism and in French they will be revising school and everyday objects.

On a Friday afternoon, the class is split in half and taught computing with Mrs Moulton and art with Mr Mead. In computing, they will be learning all about the internet and how it works. KS2 Music, in Emerald and Ruby this term, we will be learning how to play the recorder. We do have some recorders available in school but it would be great if your child had their own. They are available to buy online for about £6. Any questions about which one to buy please contact me on wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

I often use Google Classroom to put on ideas for homework or any useful information so do take a look at the Ruby Class page. If there are any queries please feel free to contact me on my email wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

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