



'Our aspiration is to enable all children to develop their capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.' The curriculum is planned around five key skills; Investigate, Analyse and Synthesise, Create and Develop, Communicate and Evaluate, in addition we cover the National Curriculum to enable the children to have a broad and well balanced experience.

Important dates this term:

On Wednesday 25th April we will be going on our trip to the Ashmolean. This is going to be a fantastic day and we're hoping it won't rain! Children will need to bring in a packed lunch.

A note from the teachers:

Just a reminder for the children to leave pokemon cards and toys at home. They are not allowed in school and we don't want them getting lost or damaged.

Thank you!

Days to remember:

This term we have PE once a week, usually on Wednesday. However, because of the unpredictable weather we may sometimes have PE on different days so please have your PE kit in school all week. Homework (including spellings) will be handed out on Friday.

English:

This term we are going to be spending the first two weeks looking at poetry. We will be learning how to use alliteration, similes and metaphors in our own writing. We will use these skills to write our own poems based on a walk through Oxford and the sounds you might hear. We will then move onto persuasive leaflets. We will examine the features of persuasive leaflets before planning and creating our own persuasive leaflets using the facts we have discovered about Oxford.



Maths:

This term we will be consolidating our knowledge of division. We will use number lines and repeated addition to solve division calculations. Some of us will then solve calculations with remainders! This will need really good times table knowledge so we will need to keep working on this at home! We will then move onto revising written methods for addition and subtraction. As well as this we will be looking at word problems and how to identify the important information within them. Then, we will use the strategies for division, addition and subtraction that we have been learning to help us.



Topic:

This term, our topic focus is Oxford. We are going to learn about why so many people choose to visit Oxford each year and what makes it special. In particular we will look at some of its famous inhabitants including: J.M.W Turner and Lewis Carroll. Also, we will be exploring the history of some of the famous buildings in the city, including the castle and the university. We will use everything that we have found out to write a persuasive tourist information leaflet to persuade people that they should come and visit Oxford too!



Spellings this term:

We will be revising some of the suffixes that we covered last term as well as learning and using some more words from the Year 3 spelling list. Please encourage your child to revise their spellings every week.

Punctuation and Grammar focus:

We will continue to use colons and semi-colons. We will also be consolidating our understanding of commas to mark clauses.

Maths focus:

We are working hard to continue building up our speed and accuracy at recalling our times tables. We hope to win the times table trophy this term!

Reading to share at home:

Children are continuing to visit the library every week. It would be helpful to look at adverts and persuasive leaflets together if you can!

We are looking forward to fantastic learning taking place this term. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in any of the topics please come and see us.

Best wishes

Mrs Jefferies and Miss Humphreys

Useful websites:

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/times-tables/Timernator-multiplication.html>

<http://www.mathabc.com/practice-times-tables>