

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half term. After a long time away from school the children have done really well to settle back into school and the new routines, new year group and new teacher. It has been great to get to know the children and enjoy learning together.

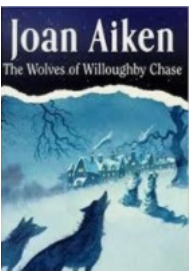
Routines: PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Children should come prepared for indoor or outdoor PE on both of these days. Children can change their reading book on any day during the week and should place their previous book at the back of the bookshelves. They can also borrow a library book on Fridays. Spellings will be given out and tested on a Wednesday with a combination of statutory spelling rules and non-negotiable words. Homework will be set on Fridays and should be returned on the following Wednesday; all homework sheets will also be available on the VLE. Children should bring their homework diary to school every day.



Creative Curriculum: We will begin by finishing off our exciting 'Anglo Saxon and Viking Britain' topic. Towards the end of the unit, we have a special theme day planned—more details about this will be sent closer to the time. After this topic, we will be focusing on artistic skills, studying Andy Warhol and Banksy in more detail, before developing our printing skills.



English: We will be continuing to study the book 'The Wolves of Willoughby Chase' using it as a stimulus to create a newspaper report. We will build on the grammar we have learned in the previous half term and look at how to create more impact in our writing. Throughout the topic, pupils will revise punctuation and continue to work on their personal English targets. Moreover, we will practise Year 5 non-negotiable spellings and homophones.



Maths: As well as keeping up our focus on accurate calculation methods, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and the ways in which they link. We will also look at how to calculate with fractions. Our reasoning will also focus on the area of fractions, decimals and percentages, which play such a big part in children's overall success in Maths in Key Stage 2.

Science: In Science, we will be looking at the topic Earth and Space: We will be finding out about the planets of the solar system, how the Earth moves through space and what conditions cause the seasons to change. A real highlight will be a lesson involving fruit and toilet paper, in which children will learn about the relative sizes of and distances between planets.



R.E.: We will be thinking about 'Incarnation' and asking the question: Was Jesus the Messiah promised to the people of God in the Old Testament? By now, children will be very familiar with the Christmas story, so will use that familiarity to examine evidence and interrogate the Christian belief that Jesus was the Messiah.

Thank you for all the positive feedback. If you have any issues or questions please feel free to contact me - either in person in the playground or by contacting the office. I look forward to having another successful half term.

Best wishes,

Mr Greenhalgh