

# Autumn Term News

## What will we be covering this term?

Our aim is to move children on in their learning through practical and fun activities and plenty of discussion and sharing of ideas!

### Maths:

#### Place value:

Reading and writing numbers to 10 million  
Comparing and ordering numbers to 10 million  
Rounding numbers

#### Properties of number:

Using mixed operations  
Multiplying and dividing by two-digit numbers  
Solving word problems  
Finding common multiples and factors and prime numbers

#### Fractions:

Simplifying fractions  
Comparing and ordering fractions  
Adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions, as well as dividing them by whole numbers

### English:

#### Speaking and Listening;

Children will be encouraged to speak confidently, and contribute to a range of classroom discussions to express their opinions and ask questions about their learning. They will role play characters from the class book and participate in debating to argue a point giving evidence to explain their views.

**Reading;**

Children will use and apply their skills of decoding text, reading with understanding, identifying the use of specialist vocabulary. They will read a wide range of both fiction, non-fiction and poetry books, independently in guided groups or as a class.

**Writing;**

*Historical Fiction* – Children will be exploring historical fiction; which will give them an opportunity to understand history and culture in context. The children will be taught to understand, analyse and evaluate language different from their own– helping them to understand language in it's current context.

We will be reading a picture book 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan. This will be the stimulus for the children planning, writing and re-drafting stories based on the ideas presented to them.

*Non-Fiction*– children will be analysing explanation texts and will be drafting and publishing their own explanation texts .

**SPAG:**

Children will continue with exercises on: Identifying nouns/ Adjectives/Verbs and Adverbs/Replace adjectives/Singular and Plurals/Word classes /Noun phrases/Capital letters/Exclamation marks/End of sentence punctuation/Commas/ Dashes /Brackets/Use commas correctly/Capital letters /Full stops/Add inverted commas/Apostrophes/Adding colons/Semi-colons Contractions/ Changing sentences.

**Guided Reading:**

Children will be encourage to improve on comprehension skills and reading by:

- Using a range of strategies, including accurate decoding of text, to read for meaning
- Understanding, describing, selecting or
- retrieving information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text
- Deducing, inferring or interpreting information, events or ideas from texts
- Identifying and commenting on the structure and organisation of texts, including
- grammatical and presentational features at text level
- Explaining and commenting on writers' use of language, including grammatical and Literary features at word and sentence level
- Identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints, and the overall effect of the text on the reader.

**Science:**

This half term we will be studying Light and Sight.

In this unit children extend their knowledge of the way in which we see things. Pupils will explore this context and learn more about the basics of light, recognise that light appears to travel in

straight lines and explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes .

## Computing:

This term we will be focusing on **e-safety**. Children will be using the computers in the ICT suite and they will also have access to brand new state of the art Google chrome books. We are very excited to be embracing this new technology.

Children will understand how to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively-essential skills for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## History:

This half term we will be studying World War 2 and the Battle of Britain. Children will learn about the Second World War in Europe and why the Battle of Britain was such a significant turning point in British History. They will learn about the timeline of events such as the outbreak of the war, the Battle of Britain, the heroic rescue at Dunkirk, the Blitz, the D-Day landings, the liberation of the concentration camps and the celebrations of VE Day, research the lives of the ordinary people who faced the Blitz and had to deal with rationing and evacuation; learn about the inspiring stories and achievements of significant people such as Anne Frank and Winston Churchill.

## PE

The P.E Coaches will be teaching the children on Thursdays. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school in their correct P.E kit on these days.

## Homework:

The children will be expected to self-regulate their homework duties with the CGP study guides the school has provided for them.

Their progress through these books will be closely monitored.

## Trips:

IWM  
HMS Belfast