

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Class 3

Autumn Term 1

2016

Our Theme:

AD 900

The study of non European civilisations.



Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Happiness, Independence, Respect



Welcome back after the summer break. We are beginning this year with an exciting history based topic – AD 900 - which I'm sure the children will enjoy. Throughout this topic we will be learning about the Mayan civilisation; their beliefs and way of life, the ancient city of Benin in West Africa and its decline and learn why the prophet Mohammad was so important to the Islamic civilisation and the achievements and inventions of the Golden Age of Islam.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Schaffer

Literacy

In Literacy we will be focussing handwriting, grammar and spelling to ensure skills are embedded and therefore transferred to other area of the curriculum. The expectation will be that pupils will transfer skills when writing in other subject areas to ensure a consistent display of skills.

Group guided reading sessions will continue to take place weekly; pupils will read regularly in class and will be expected to read regularly at home as regular reading impacts greatly on their ability to become effective writers.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we will begin by reinforcing place value skills and being able to accurately add, subtract, multiply and divide so that these skills can be applied when problem solving. The focus on 'number' will continue into fractions which will include work on decimals and percentages.

As multiplication tables knowledge underpins many maths topics, the focus on these remains as important; please encourage your child to practise their tables at home.

Please continue to discuss real life maths with your children at home and when out and about (e.g. telling the time, when shopping, when baking) to reinforce the relevance and importance of having secure maths skills for their future lives.

Science

Our science topic is - Evolution and Inheritance. Pupils will learn to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about the living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will learn to recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, which normally vary and are not identical to their parents and how things have adapted to suit their environment in different ways thus evolving.

Computing

The children will be learning computing skills through our computing scheme that enable pupils to use the programming software Scratch.

PSHE

This term's topic is – Being Me in My World. Pupils will learn to appreciate differences and embrace their own individual talents whilst respecting the talents and opinions of others.

P.E

We will continue to have specialist coaches to teach the children hockey this term. The pupils will therefore learn a range of skills during their P.E sessions and focus on matchplay strategies.

Music

In music we will be exploring musical processes where pupils will learn about composition and timing and learn to sing and perform songs with a Solar System theme.

International Primary Curriculum

During the term, the children will learn a range of skills through the topic theme.

For our exit day, the pupils will be invited to dress up as a character from AD900, whether that be a Saxon, Viking or Mayan and have a Mayan themed feast.

The historical skills pupils will learn are:

- About the Maya from the buildings and artefacts they left behind
- How the Maya worshipped their gods
- How the Maya used glyphs for writing and counting
- Why the Maya empire declined
- What Benin City in West Africa might have looked like
- How to use different sources to find out about the Kingdom of Benin
- How the Edo/Benin people celebrate and worship
- What happened to the Kingdom of Benin

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why the prophet Mohammad was so important to the Islamic civilisation• About the achievements and inventions of the Golden Age of Islam• Why the Islamic empire declined |
| The art skills pupils will learn are: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to make West African masquerade masks and costumes• How to create Islamic art |

Important Information

As per the school homework policy, homework **will be given out on Thursdays** to be **returned** the following **Monday**.

Our **P.E** session will take place on **Wednesday** afternoons, so please ensure that the correct P.E kits are brought to school for these sessions, that long hair is tied back and that no jewellery is worn.

Pupils will **swim** weekly on **Thursday afternoons**.

Please provide a small tub for jewellery if it is to be removed for sport sessions to prevent items getting misplaced.