



## Peace class Newsletter: Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Term 2! Peace class have settled really well into their daily routine and are working well with their friends. Your children's safety and well-being continue to be our number one priority while at school and we will do all we can to keep things as normal as possible for the children.

While we continue to boost the children's self-esteem and their relationships with each other, we are now working on more typical lessons and ways of learning now that everyone is feeling more confident and secure in class.

<p>In <b>English</b>, we will be focussing on Shakespeare. We will be studying a cartoon version of Macbeth and writing our own version and then filming it, acted by the children. They will also be looking at some of his sonnets before looking at Explanation texts.</p>	<p>Our <b>maths</b> learning will focus on multiplication, division and statistics as well as perimeter and area.</p>	<p>In <b>science</b>, we will be learning about properties of materials and both reversible and irreversible changes. We will also focus on developing our scientific enquiry skills of identification and grouping, prediction, observation, fair testing, measuring and recording.</p>
<p>In <b>Geography</b>, our topic will focus on renewable energy and sustainability. This will link to learning in both science, art and DT (term 2).</p>	<p>In <b>art</b>, we will focus on architecture, particularly towers. This will link to our geography topic.</p>	<p>Our <b>PSHE</b> learning will continue to focus on creating a safe, welcoming and happy class and school environment. There will be a focus on positive mental health, developing our self-esteem and community.</p>
<p>There will be two <b>PE*</b> lessons every week, one of which will be cricket delivered by the 'Chance to Shine' programme each Friday. The other will be rugby or 'circuits' each Monday.</p>	<p>Our <b>RE</b> lessons this term will focus on Christianity and the question: Was Jesus the Messiah?</p>	<p>In <b>music</b>, our learning is based on the theme of 'world unite and will focus on exploring rhythm and melody.</p>

\* Please remember that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, black or blue shorts/skort) are required to be in school every day.

On Wednesday afternoons, the class will be taught computing by Mrs Pitts. They will be focussing on developing skills in using 3D design using a package 'Sketch Up' or looking at programming on Scratch.

For home learning, we would continue to encourage children to read, practice their spellings and their mental maths skills three times each week. Children are expected to practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars several times each week and also read a minimum of three times a week at home (recording this in their school diary) and practice their spellings which are set each week. I will be collecting in school diaries each Wednesday to check how the children are getting on with their home learning.

Thank you for supporting your children with their home learning so that they can develop positive home learning habits and independence as they prepare for Year 6 and beyond. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write a note in your child's diary or see me before or after school.

Kind regards,

Mr Lawrence