



Trinity Class Newsletter: Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful half term break and managed to get out and about despite the miserable weather! This

term will be another busy one with lots of interesting learning planned. Our trainee teacher, Miss Thompson, will be teaching the class for a few hours each week this term, however I will still be in class with her to support both her and the children. Please find below some information about the different areas of curriculum learning planned for this term.

<p>In English, we will focus on descriptive writing initially and then later in the term we will write newspaper reports linked to our Geography topic learning. We will continue with our class reader – ‘The Nowhere Emporium’, which the children are thoroughly enjoying, and much of our reading (VIPERS) activities will be based on this.</p>	<p>Our maths learning will concentrate on written division methods initially. Later in the term we will work on factors, multiples, primes, squares and cube numbers. In the final weeks, our focus will move to fractions.</p>	<p>In science, 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 Geography, our topic work on the sustainable development goals continues. The children really enjoyed this last term, and I am sure their enthusiasm will continue as we focus on learning about clean water & sanitation, affordable & renewable energy and environmental pollution.</p>	<p>In music, our learning is based on the theme of ‘World Unite’ and will focus on working in small groups to explore and combine rhythms.</p>	<p>Our PSHE topic is called, ‘Being Me in My World’ which centres on choices and how they impact on others in our community and globally. There is also a strong focus on empathy in this unit of learning.</p>
<p>There will be two PE* lessons every week, one of which will continue to be cricket delivered by the ‘Chance to Shine’ programme each Friday. The other lesson will be on a Monday and will alternate - one week will be fitness taught by myself and the other week will continue to be tag rugby taught by Miss Haynes from The Deanery Academy secondary school.</p>	<p>Our RE lessons this term will focus on Christianity and the concept of incarnation. Our key question is: Was Jesus the Messiah?</p>	<p>In DT, our learning will follow on from last term’s art project on architecture. The children will be designing and making working wind turbine models. This links to learning about renewable energy sources in our geography topic. This topic will continue into term 3.</p>

* Please remember that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, leggings/jogging bottoms) are required to be in school every day.

On Thursday afternoons, the class will continue to be taught computing by Mrs Pitts. They will be using some 3D modelling software which will be new to the children and will link well to our wind turbine models in DT. On Friday mornings, Mrs Kelsey will continue to teach maths (focussing on shapes, space and measures learning) and written reading comprehension activities.

For home learning, we are continuing to prioritise reading, spelling and mental maths skills. Children are expected to practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars three times each week, practise their spellings three times in the week and also read a minimum of three times a week at home (recording this in their school diary in order to achieve their ‘Niners’). I will be collecting in school diaries each Tuesday to check how the children are getting on with their home learning. Later in the term I will be in touch about revision books for reading, grammar and maths. Activities from these books will form the basis of our home learning once the children have these.

We had a very successful first term in Trinity and I am thoroughly looking forward to term 2. 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 7 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,

Mrs Pitman-Jones