

## **English**

This term, our learning will be underpinned by the purpose of writing 'to inform'. We will immerse ourselves into different texts to inform the reader with a main writing outcome of a set of instructions. As writers, we will be exploring a range of texts to develop our understanding of how language is used to inform the reader. Year 2 will focus on the skills of subordination, sentence types and apostrophes. Year 3/4 will be looking at relative clauses, subordination to add information and apostrophes. In class, we will be using our DERIC reading skills to retrieve information and answer questions related to the text *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

## **Science**

As scientists, the children will focus on the unit of forces and magnets, they will be able to compare how things move on different surfaces, notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance, observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others, compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials, describe magnets as having two poles.

## **Maths**

As Mathematicians, we will be finishing off our fraction skills and then move on to money. During our money unit we will be using our addition and subtraction skills to work out problems including money. Year 2's will recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. Year 3/4 will estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence. We will then move on to measurement.

## **History**

As historians, we will be exploring life in the Shang Dynasty in depth, identifying a timeline of when they ruled and where this falls on the timeline in relation to other studies. We will consider the different social groups, religious beliefs, burials and achievements from this time and use a range of sources to examine, evidence and discover the impact that this era had on people living in China and compare with our own lives. We will be exploring the role of Fu Hao and why she was significant as well as the fall of the Shang Dynasty. Year 2's will Use a source - observe or handle sources to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations. Year 3/4 will use various means of research and begin independently researching.

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## **Modern Foreign Languages**

As Linguists, we will be developing a love of languages to encourage students to become curious and interested in the world. Using authentic texts, we will embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in French.

## **RE**

As global citizens, we will gain an in depth understanding of Gospel and what the good news is that Jesus brings. Pupils will know that Christians believe that Jesus brings the good news (Gospel) and that God loves them and he will forgive them when they go wrong. The children will also know that Christians will pray to God prayers to say sorry to ask for things to say thank you.

## **Music & Drama**

As musicians we will be practicing for a performance using the skills we have learnt about pitch, pace and rhythm.

## **Computing**

As users and programmers of communication and information technology, we will develop our computational thinking, logical reasoning and digital literacy skills to become opinion pollsters. We will be using our designing and programming skills to create our own polls.

## **Relationships & Health**

As healthy, confident and resilient children we will be exploring physical health, linking nicely to our Science unit. The children will understand their personal mental and physical health and wellbeing and how to maintain this and encourage others to make positive choices about their own health and wellbeing as a member of the school community and the wider world.

## **Physical Education**

As well-rounded, active citizens, our children will feel a sense of belonging by immersing themselves in a wide range of physical activities. This term, the children will be focusing on tennis.

Miss Steer from The Spires College is here to help with the provision of high quality PE lessons. Our lessons with Miss Steer are on Mondays.

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school.

## **Geography**

As geographers, we will be exploring the wonderful location of China. Thinking about where in the world China is, the population & climate, how big it is, the capital city, the official language and the climate. We will also have opportunities to learn about the different festivals held in China, including the Chinese New Year and the Zodiac. We will look into school life in China in depth and compare Beijing to London, thinking about jobs, economy and transport etc. Of course, we will also explore the Great Wall of China, Mount Everest and the Yellow River. Year 2's will be asking a familiar person prepared questions, record the answers on a proforma by putting ticks in the boxes Year 3's will be suggesting questions to ask as part of an investigation and use the appropriate geographical vocabulary.

## **Art**

As artists, we will be exploring the work of Georges Seurat. In class, we will explore how Seurat manipulates and uses colour in his work. We will reflect back on our previous learning and think about how art changes over time. Exploring how, when and why the Pointillist movement began and compare and contrast some Impressionist and Pointillist paintings. Using different media to capture sketches and applying their knowledge of primary, secondary and tertiary colours to create colour wheels in pointillism style.