

Beacon

Here is an overview of what we are doing in class in the second half of term.

Topic – War and Peace

Our War and Peace topic moves away from WW1 – from history to geography. We will be looking closely at modern Europe.

- Which countries make up Europe?
- What languages are spoken?
- What are the countries well known for?
- What is the physical geography like in different regions?
- What are the different mountain ranges?
- What are the rivers and seas in and around Europe?
- Why were ports built in different places? What are their uses?
- Children will learn about key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. They will use describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water
- They will use technical vocabulary such as urban, rural, land, use, sustainability, tributary, trade links etc.

English

With a geography theme for our topic this half term, English lessons will start with learning about Migration – animal and human. The children will be report writing about animal migration and writing poems about human migration. They will also delve into a book by Floella Benjamin, Coming to England, which outlines her migration journey.

We will then move onto reading and analysing short stories from Tales from Outer-Suburbia by Shaun Tan. Children will write a new story in Shaun Tan style and create a drama.

We will finish the term with writing instructions and explanations, exploring register, layout devices and punctuation. The children will write instructions and explanations based on their own interests, be that football, horse riding etc.

Grammar and Punctuation: This term we will cover; modal verbs, past tense, dialogue punctuation, the subjunctive, past progressive tense and imperative verbs.

Spelling and Reading

- Please see the attached list, with a weekly spelling focus. They will be sent home via email each week as homework.
- Children to please read everyday, and read out-loud too, practising your fluency. Parents to ask you questions about what is read.

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Maths

Topics that will be covered include:

- Fractions – finding equivalent fractions, comparing and converting mixed numbers and improper fractions.
- Addition and Subtraction of fractions
- Multiplication and Division of fractions
- Decimals – converting fractions to decimals, multiplying and dividing decimals

Science

The science topic this term is Light. We will be investigating shadows, whilst creating a shadow puppet theatre. We will also investigate how light travels in straight lines and how it can be reflected.

Other subjects:

- Art/DT – we will start with a small project, making clay poppies for Remembrance Day. We will then move onto DT creating a model to represent a coastline's physical and human aspects.
- French – in French we will be learning the vocabulary of rooms in the house and discussing likes and dislikes.
- ICT – children will be using the internet for research and taught how to get the most from their research.
- PE – children will be learning how to play hockey. We will be working on our ball control skills and learning about different tactics.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- PE is on Tuesday and Wednesday. Children to come to school in their PE kit and remain in their PE kit that day.
- Homework will be given on Monday via email.
- Weekly Spelling lists will be given out on Mondays and it is expected the children practise spellings throughout the week.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Clarke and the team

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Spelling Lists

Rule: Adding the suffixes to words that end with a vowel then consonant Double the last letter and add the suffix Admit, admitting, admitted, admittance Begin, beginning Commit, committing, committed Forbid, forbidding Forget, forgetting Fun, funny Permit, permitting, permitted Prefer, preferred, preference Refer, referred, referee Regret, regretted, regrettable	Rule: Tricky Words that need to be learnt! These words all have double letters! Accommodate Accompany According Aggressive Apparent Attached Correspond Equipped Excellent Opportunity Profession Sufficient	Rule: If the root word ends in consonant + y, they swap the y for an i and add the suffix Apply, applied Copy, copier Cry, cried Rely, reliable Happy, happiness Hurry, hurried Mystery, mysterious Spy, spied Carry, carried Mercy, merciful	Tricky Words that need to be learned! Amateur Awkward Bargain Convenience Foreign Guarantee Hindrance Mischievous Pronunciation Queue Vehicle	Rule: The 'sh' sound, spelt 'ti' or 'ci' Direction Cautious Motion Infection Confidential Subtraction Delicious Politician Spacious Official Antisocial	Homophones Words that sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings Morning, mourning Assent, ascent Compliment, complement Draft, draught Aisle, isle Aloud, allowed Affect, effect Altar, alter Cereal, serial Descent, dissent
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