

Foundation Subjects

Art & Design– In art, we are studying the work of Keith Haring. We will observe and explore how he used different media to create pieces of ‘Pop Art’ in society.

History – In history, we will be looking at the period of Ancient Egypt. Children will be looking at such things as the process of mummification and how the pyramids were built.

DT – In DT, the children will be looking at the construction of bridges. Using a variety of materials and working collaboratively, children will construct their own based on research.

Computing – In computing, the children will be learning about E-Safety, E-Bullying and appropriate use of social media.

PE – This term, children will be looking at developing their skills in rugby and hockey. Children will also be doing dance this term.

French – In French, our topic is entitled ‘Getting to Know You’ and will build on the children’s learning from previous years.

PSHE – In PSHE, our topic is ‘Keeping Safe’. Children will explore such things as keeping safe online, outside of school and how they should behave in an outdoor setting.

You can help your child by Discussing key events of Ancient Egypt and researching further information about this period and understanding the importance of keeping safe both inside and outside of school.

Enrichment

Children will be attending **tennis** on a Tuesday afternoon and **Dance** on a Thursday morning.

Swimming for year 6 has already started this term and the children appear to be enjoying it as well as making great progress.

The 7th October is **National Poetry Day**. To celebrate, we have local poet, Craig Bradley coming into school to perform some of his poems and to talk to the children about his work.

The ‘Ed Clancy Visit’ was a great success. Children appeared to thoroughly enjoy learning about his life as well as taking part in the practical outside.

English

In English we will be completing a non-fiction unit of work which will result in pieces of persuasive and instructional writing. Children will also be completing work relating to Elizabeth Laird who writes fiction relating to the current struggles in the Middle East. Our focus will be on ensuring children are understanding and applying different areas of grammar and punctuation taught.

In reading, we will be looking at various genres and questions relating to them, focussing on the different strands of VIPERS.

Class reads: A House Without Walls (11R); The Red Pyramid (11B) and Gulliver’s Travels (11W).

You can help your child by

Continuing to practise spelling from the Y3/4 and Y5/6 spelling list and by reading different genres

Autumn Term

Year 5 and 6

Ancient Egypt

Our vision is ...

A community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child

Science

Electricity – Children will be completing the topic of electricity in the first part of term. Children will learn about the importance of electricity in our lives and how it is powered. They will be building circuits safely using the necessary equipment and be learning how to draw them using the correct symbols.

Light – The second topic of the term will relate to Light. Here we will look at such things as how light travels in straight lines as well as looking at reflection and refraction.

Maths

Year 5

This term, the year 5s will be looking at developing their understanding of place value with numbers up to seven digits as well as developing their understanding of the four operations, including long multiplication. As the term moves on, children will be working on developing their understanding of fractions.

Year 6

This term, the year 6s will be revisiting areas covered last year to ensure a sound understanding of the topics covered. We will then be moving on and looking at reasoning problems relating to the areas taught including missing angles, fractions, percentages, area and perimeter amongst other things.

The children will also have one additional lesson with Mr Yusaf, who will be teaching them arithmetic.

You can help your child by....

To continue learning times tables as well as working on the four operations, particularly long multiplication.

The Notice Board

Please make sure your child brings in the correct PE kit on the day they do games: 11R (Monday); 11B (Monday) and 11Y (Thursday).

If your child is in year 6, please ensure they bring the correct swimming kit on a Friday.

Dates for your Diary

Cliffe House (Year 6) – 11/10/21 to 13/10/21

Swimming (Year 6 only)
Every Friday until Easter

End of half-term – Thursday 21st October 2021 (We are NOT in school on Friday 22nd October).

Parents’ Evening – W/C 1.11.21 (The week after half-term).
Further details will be sent via PING.