

WELCOME BACK



This half term we will be focussing on the topic 'This is me'.

Our PE days this term will be on a Monday and Friday so please can children arrive at school in their PE kits on these days. The P.E theme this half term is athletics and we will be going outside so please ensure the children are wearing adequate clothing. Please also ensure that your child has plimsoles in school every day to change into once they arrive and a warm coat/hat/gloves as the temperature drops.

Your child's happiness and overall development in this school are very important to us. We will endeavour to provide your child with a high quality and suitable education helping and encouraging them in any area they need to develop. It is important for home and school to work together as a team to ensure your child gets the best first experience. If there are any worries please feel free to speak to us at any point. Do not let a small worry become a big problem ☺ We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to supporting you to grow and achieve.

Mrs Chisman and Mrs Skilton

Maths

The children will be counting daily and taking part in regular maths meetings. We will also be introducing arithmetic sessions which will support the children's ability to recall times tables and number bonds and use them to problem solve.

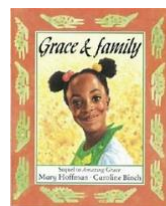
We will continue to focus on solving problems using addition subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will also be using their measuring skills in Science and developing their shape knowledge.

Literacy

In English this half term we will be basing our learning on the book 'Grace and family' by Mary Hoffman. The children will be developing reading and writing skills by exploring the texts through drama. They will be learning how to write for a variety of purposes. (Diary entries, invitations, postcards...)

Reading

Thank you for your support with continuing to read with your children regularly at home, this really helps accelerate their progress. We will continue to have weekly inference lessons and focussed daily phonics lessons.



Art

The children will be learning the techniques and skills to be able to draw a self-portraits. They will be focussing on mixing colours for a purpose and learning about tones to create skin colour. They will also look closely on how to draw using perspective and specific features such as the eye.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/art-and-design-draw-self-portrait/z6ytsqw> You could use this link to have a go at some self-portraits at home.

Geography

We will be linking Geography the story 'Grace and Family'. The children will be comparing Gambia to Gooderstone. They will be focussing on the landscapes, houses, farms and schools of each country and discuss how they are similar and different.

Computing

They will be looking at the questions 'What is an algorithm?' and 'What are computer bugs?'

The children will also be investigating where do we use information technology outside of school?

Science

The children will be finding out about themselves, they will be looking at the functions of the organs in their bodies, the stages of growth and exploring their senses.

R.E

Our big question for RE will be 'What is celebration?'. The children will be discussing the different types of celebrations and festivals. They will learn about Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas linked with the use of light to represent different parts of celebrations.

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Music

The children will be following Charanga, learning about Rhythm In the way we walk and Banana rap'. They will also listen to traditional music from Gambia linked to the Power of Reading sequence of learning they will have the opportunity to explore percussion instruments and making their own African music.

DT

This half term the children will become food detectives. They will be identifying healthy and unhealthy food and explaining why.

The children will be tasting fruit from other countries and comparing them to the fruit grown locally. They will be designing and preparing smoothies and other dishes.