

## Year 3 & 4 Autumn Term Curriculum Update, November 2018

As we move into the second half term of the year, I am writing to update you on the learning experiences your child will be having. I am really impressed by their hard work and their fantastic attitude towards their learning so far this term and I hope that we can continue this as the year progresses.

<p><b><u>English</u></b> This half term Year 3 will begin with the children looking at key features of non-fiction texts, following this the children will be researching and writing their own information booklets. Throughout the half term the children will continue to concentrate on their handwriting and sentence structure and the spelling of high frequency words. In Year 4 the children will be looking at fantasy texts, in particular gaining inference from the text when reading them. They will also be looking at recounts using Little Mouse's Book of Fears by Emily Gravett.</p>	<p><b><u>Maths</u></b> The maths topics for both Year 3 and 4 this half term will be to continue working on the four main maths functions; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In Year 4 the children will be expected to add and subtract 4 digit numbers using formal methods. In Year 3 they will be working with 3 digit numbers. The children will also continue to work on their times tables. In Year 3: tables 2, 5, 10 should be fluent with rapid recall. By the end of Year 3: tables 3, 4, 8's should also be fluent with rapid recall. By the end of Year 4, children should know all times tables to 12 x 12.</p>	
<p><b><u>PSHCE</u></b> This half term we will be considering stereotypes and the assumptions that we make based on how people look or behave. We will be thinking about what makes us and others special and unique. As Anti-bullying week begins on November 12th, we will also be learning to recognise and respond to bullying.</p>	<p><b><u>RE</u></b> We will continue looking at Christianity this half term, particularly considering how Christians believe that God is the Trinity; the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p><b><u>Art</u></b> In art the children will be practising collage techniques, experimenting with colours and texture to create a visual effect. For this art work, we require some 'clean, flat' rubbish eg: crisp packets and wrappers, for the <b><u>12th November</u></b>.</p>
<p><b><u>Computing</u></b> The children will continue to become more confident using laptops over this half term They will be using them to create and organise data. Then the children will be using basic spreadsheets to analyse data.</p>	<p><b><u>PE</u></b> This half term the children will be learning hockey skills in game &amp; performing 'modern' dance with a Stone Age twist in PE.</p>	<p><b><u>French</u></b> French this half term will have a maths focus. The children will begin to learn colours, numbers and basic sums.</p>
<p><b><u>Science</u></b> Our science exploration will continue to look at light and sound, then move on to electricity. The children will be constructing simple electric circuits, identifying and naming the basic components including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.</p>		
<p><b><u>Geography</u></b> This half term the children will be using a local geography study to find out about how land use changes over time and the impact of humans on an environment. The children will be completing geographical enquiry and learning the features, and how to read Ordnance Survey maps. This will begin with our trip to Hengistbury Head on <b>Monday 5th November</b>.</p>		

As you can see it is going to be a busy half term and here are a few dates for your diaries:-

- **Hengistbury Head Trip Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, all 3/4 classes**
- **Image Musical Theatre Group performing The Selfish Giant to the whole school, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – reports and meeting Learning group teachers**
- **Christmas Big Sing and Exit Point on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 2.15pm**
- **Woodwind musicians performing concert to their parents and the whole school, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am**
- **School finishes on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm**

