

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Ospreys

Autumn 2018



Our Theme: Myths and Legends

Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Welcome, I am so excited, and hope our children are as well, for this our new term. The children have settled in well to the school year. I am sure they will enjoy the topics and skills that they will encounter this year.

If you need to speak to me about any concerns you may have please contact the School Office or contact me directly through the staff e-mail on the school website.

As reading is so important to us, if you are available to help in school to listen to readers or have skills that fit any of the themes it would be good to hear from you.

English

In English, we are learning about 'Myths and Legends' (linked to our topic) and the skills required to captivate the reader; we are excited to be working on a range of writing projects. We will continue to study different text types and develop our grammar skills. Group guided reading sessions will continue to take place weekly in addition to a weekly whole class comprehension session. We will be continuing to work on Read Write Inc spelling, which involves the children accessing daily spelling lessons, with handwriting maintaining its high profile.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are learning about place value, written methods to calculate, shape space and measures and problem solving skills. There will be a continual focus on multiplications tables both in school and through set homework tasks.

Please discuss real life maths with your children at home and when out and about (e.g. telling the time, when shopping, when baking) to reinforce the relevance and importance of having good maths skills for life.

Science

In Science, our topic this term is Evolution and Inheritance. During this topic, we will be learning how changes over times have led to all living things that inhabit Earth currently.

R.E

In R.E, we will be studying the role of God within Christianity. This will include exploring how the relationship Christians have with God affects their daily lives.

ICT

In ICT, our topic is 'We are adventure gamers' this exciting topic will involving game designing on the Scratch program.

In addition, we will be learning about E-Safety. This focus is highly important as it highlights to the children ways they can ensure they stay safe whilst using technology.

PSHE

In PSHE we are learning about 'New Beginnings'. This topic focuses on pupils' new experiences and how they can ensure they make the appropriate choices to make the best of new opportunities.

P.E

In P.E we will firstly be focussing on football and swimming.

Music

In Music we will be exploring rhythm, pulse and maintaining a steady beat. Sessions will incorporate music and instruments from around the world and will require children to compose their own pieces.

International Primary Curriculum

For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned. The children will learn about geography, history, art and design through the topic theme.

Our theme is **Myths and Legends**.

Our WOW Day activity is a fun filled day where pupils can learn about myths and legends, dress up as a mythical character or as a character from a legendary tale, create their own mythical creature and create mythical themed dramas.

Our Exit day activity is a presentation event showcasing and celebrating all that the pupils have learnt throughout the topic to our lower key stage children. This will take the form of an exciting storytelling event.

As **Historians** we will be:

- Researching societies that are well-known for their myths and legends
- Comparing the host country to other societies
- Finding out about major events in the past

As **Geographers** we will be:

- Finding out how stories around the world are both the same and different
- Finding out how myths and legends have affected large areas of the world
- Researching stories from all the home countries of children in the class

As **Artists** we will be:

- Finding out how artists use paintings and other methods to show myths and legends
- Looking closer at the art of Ancient Egypt
- Turning characters from myths and legends into comic book superheroes
- Producing our own piece of art to represent a story we have written

Through the **social** aspect of the topic, children will be:

- Finding out about traditions, celebrations and religious festivals which have been influenced by myths and legends from the past
- Considering how the behaviour of individuals and groups can be influenced by the moral messages of myths, legends and other stories
- Looking at how global brands use myths and legends to persuade people to buy their products

Other Important Information

As per the school homework policy, homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday. Pupils will be provided with their own homework book to complete their tasks.

Our **P.E** day is: **Friday**

Our **Swimming** day is: **Tuesday**

Please ensure P.E and swimming kits are brought to school for these sessions and that no jewellery is worn.

This September, we have started a daily mile. This gives all our children and have staff an opportunity to be more active. This will require a change of footwear so we request that the shoes wore for PE are kept in school throughout the week.

I know that your child will have an enjoyable and interesting term learning about all of the exciting things in this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or if you feel you can help us in any way.

Michael Mullen