

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kites

Summer 2015



Our Theme: What Price Progress?

Our Key Values:

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



Thank you for all of the materials that you sent in for the Wow day. The children appeared to enjoy making their models. For Year 6, this is a very important term, as they build to the end of Key Stage 2 Assessments. The Year 5 children will be working hard to develop their skills across all areas and will have the chance to show how they will be great examples for next year.

As always, 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.

Literacy

In Literacy, we are placing a great focus on spelling and grammar skills. We are investigating spelling rules and have already found spellings that seem to defy a definite rule. Please help your child when learning new rules and practise the words that they bring home. Daily Guided Reading will develop the children's knowledge and understanding. We also have our new pen licences.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will continue to look at a range of problems. An area of great importance is the recall of basic number facts. Times tables and addition races are supported by the Mathletics website. If your child can access these at home please ensure they complete the weekly tasks. If not we can offer time during lunchtimes at school. We will continue to develop our skills with mental and written calculations. Please practise times tables with your child. These connect to so many areas.

Science

In Science, we are learning about Forces. This will be great for the children to use their investigation skills. We will be finding out about gravity; air and water resistance; friction and levers. This links with our IPC topic very well.

R.E

We will be considering how Christians' faith impacts on their everyday life.

Computing

In Computing, we will be learning to develop our web designing skills, blogging and model manipulation through a 3D graphic program.

PSHE

In PSHE we are studying Changes and Relationships.

P.E

In P.E we will be focussing on Tennis and Swimming.

Music

In Music we will be looking at composing through our theme 'Music at the Movies'.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Our theme is What Price Progress?

Our Entry day activity was looking at inventors and making our own novel inventions.

Our Exit day we will be holding a 'future exhibition'.

As Historians we will be:

- Finding out about important inventions and discoveries from the past
- Finding out about famous people whose ideas caused social change
- Finding out how our local area has changed and developed over time

In Technology we will be:

- Finding out about the types of technology we use in our daily lives
- Finding out about technology that is being developed for the future
- Evaluating existing technology against agreed criteria
- Designing our own future technology to meet a need
- Evaluating each other's designs

As Artists we will be:

- Finding out about 'futurism' and creating a piece of art in the futurist style.
- Finding out about 'dadaism' and creating a piece of art in the dadaist style.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy, which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk, homework will be set on Wednesday and should be returned on Monday. If your child has any queries please ask them to speak to me or the relevant member of staff before Friday.

Our P.E days are: Swimming on Monday and P.E. on Thursday

Please listen to them read as regularly as you can. Short regular reading sessions really help the children maintain the decoding skills and allow time to talk about a character's choices and actions.

The children will be issued with Spellings to learn on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday. As with the reading, please ensure your child practises spelling regularly and is able to explain the meaning to you.

If you need to contact me, please see me on a morning in the playground make an appointment through the office.

Kind regards,

Gary Easby