

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Kites

Autumn 2018



**Our Theme: Myths and Legends**

**Our Key Values:**

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



Welcome to the new school year. I am excited to work with the children this year and celebrate all of their achievements with them. The children have already settled in well. I am sure they will enjoy the topics and skills that they will learn this year.

If you need to speak to me about any concerns you may have, please set up a meeting through the School Office or contact me directly by catching me on the playground or through the staff e-mail.

Reading is very important to us; if you are available to help in school to listen to readers it would be good to hear from you. Equally, if you have an expertise related to any of our topics that you would like to share with the children then please do get in touch.

### **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 be focussing on football and swimming this term.

### 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. Please note the allocated time on the top of your child's homework sheets and use this to assist them in managing their homework.

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

Our **Swimming** day is:   **Monday**

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 of our children and staff an opportunity to be more active. This will require a change of footwear so we request that the shoes worn 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.

Claire Smith