

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Ospreys

Spring 2020



**Our Theme:**

**Why does it Always Rain on me?**

**Our Christian Values:**

Caring    Commitment to Achieve    Co-operation  
Fairness    Honesty    Respect



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It has been fantastic to see the attitude that the children have returned to school with for the New

Year. This has made getting straight back into our routines much easier.

I know that they will continue to work hard, adhere to our important school values and be fantastic role models for younger students within school.

As always, 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.

If you are available to help with any upcoming school trips or activities I would greatly appreciate it.

<b>Spring Term 2020</b>
Our theme is 'Why Does it Always Rain on Me?'
For our WOW activities, we will be taking part in fun and creative water cycle and river tasks.
As part of our Exit day

### **English**

In English, we will continue to have daily reading sessions. These aim to develop each child's ability to understand and discuss the language that they encounter. The children will work in smaller groups focusing on key skills across a range of texts. As a class, we will be reading Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick. We will be using this text as our starting point for a range of writing. Our written work will continue to focus on developing sentence structure through grammatical skills. We aim for the children to write for longer periods and develop the characters, and descriptions, in their writing. Their vocabulary and writing skills will be helped by regular reading of high quality books. We hope they can access these in school, the library or from recommendations. Spelling and handwriting continue to have great importance. The children will learn a spelling rule each week and practise this rule as part of their class work and homework. They will also learn a handful of words from the Y5 and Y6 list. All of these can be found in their new Reading Record.

### **Mathematics**

In Maths this term, we will be continuing to develop our fluency with key mental maths facts, such as times tables, and a broad range of Arithmetic topics. This could be supported at home by allowing children to access Times Tables Rockstars as part of their homework. Our classwork will focus around the topics of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Converting Measures and Angles.

### **Science**

Within Science, we will be learning about Animals Including Humans. This will allow us to explore the circulatory system, our heart rates and how this is altered by activity. Later in the term, we will further exploring electricity. In this topic, we will investigate variations on different electrical circuit components.

### **Geography**

In Geography, we will be learning about the Water Cycle and the impact of water on land formation. We will be finding out about the local waterways, the principle rivers of World and the key features of a river system. We will be looking at the environmental impact of flooding and plastic pollution in the oceans.

### **R.E**

In R.E., we will be learning how Christians believe how Jesus died to save them. We will understand the significance of Salvation and Incarnation in everyday life for Christians.

### **Computing**

We will be learning about blogging in Computing this term. We will investigate blogs that are currently available online and use these as inspiration for our own.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE we are continuing with our successful Jigsaw scheme. Our first unit is called 'Dreams and Goals' and this will help us set some targets to aspire to this term.
<b>Art</b>
We will be developing our drawing and painting skills. We will be looking at paintings of water by David Hockney, Monet and various other artists, and using these to inspire our own works of Art.
<b>Cooking in the Curriculum</b>
We will be learning how to cook drop scones.
<b>P.E</b>
In PE, we are focussing on developing balance and control in Gymnastics. We will be learning passing and Games skills through developing our Netball skills.

### **Important Information**

As per the school homework policy, which is available at [www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) homework will be set on **Thursday** and returned on **Monday**, when we go through the reading element together.

Our P.E days are: **Tuesday and Friday.**

Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. This 'reading' includes newspapers, instructions, websites and magazines; then, record this in their reading record.

The children will be issued with Spelling as part of their homework; please ensure they are practised and recorded in the homework book. In addition to this spelling, the Year 5/6 common exception words are printed inside your child's reading record and practise of these words would always be beneficial.

If you are available at any time during the week to listen to children in our class read this would be greatly appreciated, please come and speak to me if you would be available.

Kind regards,

Michael Mullen