



Learning Challenge Curriculum

We are so excited to have the children back in school and start our learning this year. After such a long time away, we are going to focus on well-being, health, happiness and reaching our potential. In order to do this we will be looking at some key figures in society, people who have made changes and contributed to a greater good and, with a particular focus on physical health, we will also be looking at four key boxing figures. We will examine the problems they have overcome and what it really means to be great. Following on from this we will dive into our science topic of forces, looking particularly at those linked to volcanoes and earthquakes. Physical health and well-being will form an important part of the curriculum and children will have the opportunity to engage in daily exercise. In addition to this, they will have two PE sessions a week (see below for days).



Literacy

Our literacy this term will be closely linked to our learning challenge. We will be looking at stories, recounts and biographies which help us to explore what it means to be great and help us to reflect on how we can achieve greatness within ourselves. Children will be encouraged to look at evidence given and form their own opinions and ideas about what success looks like, how they can achieve it and what barriers people need to overcome in order to do this. After having had such a long time away from school, we will start our written work by exploring variation in sentence structure, how this can be manipulated for effect and writing for fun! We will move on to applying this to stories, diaries and recounts.



Maths

The children will start the year by looking at number and place value before applying their knowledge to the formal written methods of calculation. They will practise, advance and apply their skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve a range of mathematical problems. The need to maintain or improve confidence in times tables remains high. As a result, children are encouraged to continue the great work that they have been doing with Times Tables Rockstars.



Science

Our science focus this term will be on forces, in which children find out about gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. Children will develop their understanding of balanced and unbalanced forces, their effects and investigate how these interact. During the second half of the term we shall be looking at Earth and Space in which we will cover the phases of the moon, our solar system and Earth's position and make-up within this.



Well-being and behaviour

As we return to school, our major focus will be to ensure children feel safe, happy and ready for the year ahead. Time will be given to helping promote a healthy lifestyle, talking about mental health and well-being and exploring ways to increase self-care. Expectations of behaviour remain high as we are so proud of the children and how they represent both you and our school. We look forward to welcoming them into upper key stage 2 where they will undoubtedly shine as leaders of our community. We will continue to use our restorative practices and circles to think about our school REACH aspirations, actions, and how they affect everyone in our class team and school community. We will use our behaviour chart to celebrate children's great behaviour choices and help them to make better choices when things go wrong.



Attendance

Please make sure your child is in school within their allocated time slot and that they are collected promptly on an evening to ensure social distancing in the playground. If your child displays coronavirus symptoms please do not send them to school but contact us by telephone. Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day, and avoid taking holidays in term time as the children miss a lot of learning. If your child is unwell, please ring school on 01904 555000 before 9am and let us know. We will text you if we haven't heard from you by 9:30am to check your child is ok.



How can you support your child's learning?

Hearing your child reading every day will have a huge impact on all areas of their learning. Can you please listen to your child read for at least 20 minutes every day and make a note in their reading journal. It is possible to access Times Table Rockstars and IXL online, and regular use of this has been shown to improve the speed of retrieving these important number facts.



Things to remember each week

PE Days

Falcons - Monday and Thursday

Hawks - Tuesday and Friday

Eagles - Tuesday and Thursday

Osprey - Wednesday and Thursday

