



Dragonflies Class

We are now halfway through the year! This half term is a short half term but is packed with lots of different activities, including our school trip, World book day and the start of our student teacher. From the 12th of March we will be having Mr Simper join our class until the end of June.

Our learning

English

My English group will start off by looking at how to construct a balanced argument using formal language. We will be discussing should school uniform be worn in primary school and if school holidays should be reduced. It would be great if these conversations could happen with different family members so that children have a range of viewpoints when it comes to planning and writing the argument.

Mrs Moulds English group will be focusing their writing on Space travel. They will be using *The Sea of Tranquillity* by Mark Haddon and *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield to support their learning. They will be writing a chronological report of the 1969 Moon landings, a Diary entry from International Space Station and a recount on an event based on their dream job

+ Maths +

We will be finishing off our fractions unit before going on to Decimals and percentages. The children are being encouraged to continue with their times table knowledge and to practice their division facts. TTRockstars or Hit the Button are two great ways to do this.

Science



We will be focusing on Space this half term. We will be looking at the solar system and how people's opinions of space have changed over time. Is Earth flat? We will be exploring night and day, the seasons and the different phases of the moon.

History

This half term we will be looking at Crime and punishment through the ages. The unit will be exploring how crime and punishment has changed in Britain since the Roman invasion. Our trip to the Galleries of justice will support our learning. We will be taking part in a courtroom drama.

Mini police- sessions planned this half term but may change

20-Feb-26	
27-Feb-26	Fatal four
06-Mar-26	CSI
13-Mar-26	First Aid Input
20-Mar-26	First Aid practical
27-Mar-26	Litter Pick
03-Apr-26	
10-Apr-26	

Other curriculum areas include:

- PE – Netball (Thursday), Swimming (Monday), Forest school (Wednesday). Children need to bring in a full PE kit to change in school. As our PE will be taking place outside, I recommend joggers and a jumper/hoodie in addition to shorts and T-shirts. Plain white tops (No crop/belly tops)
- Art – Art will be a continuation from last half term, the second half of the class will now look at the features of a collage and the different techniques behind this. We will be basing our work on a local artist Kirstie Adamson
- Music – 10 pieces (firebird)
- PSHE – Our P.S.H.E topic will focus on a topic called ‘Diverse Britain’. This topic will be focusing on British law.
- French – Taught on a Wednesday afternoon by Mrs Schumann.
- Computing – ‘Mars Rover, This unit will look at how we gather data from Mars.
- Religious Education – What would Jesus do?

Supporting learning at home:

Spellings: Spellings will be taught in school, and lists will be sent home to learn.. (New spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Thursday)

Reading: Every child needs to read every day; including weekends. In Year 5, children should aim to read for at least 15-20 minutes and talk to an adult about what they have read. It is important that children record their reading in their journal.

Homework: Children will be set weekly homework on a Friday which will be due back the following Wednesday.

Useful dates

- 5th March- World book day
- 9th March- start of assessment week
- 10th March- Galleries of Justice
- 13th March- PTA Mother’s Day event
- 17th and 19th March Parents evening
- 27th March – PTA Egg decorating competition

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell me, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471) I will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Lloyd.