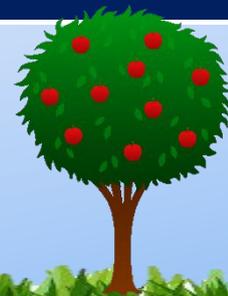


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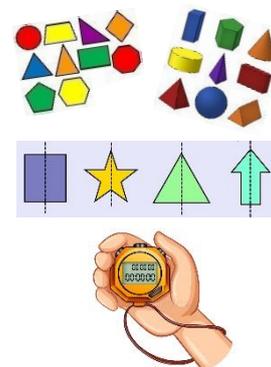
Summer 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to the Summer Term - time has just flown this year! We are really excited for this term and all that it brings. In true celebration of God's amazing world, we are looking forward to lots of outdoor learning and taking advantage of our beautiful grounds. Mrs Richards will continue teaching on Thursdays afternoons and Fridays with Miss Walton ably supporting the class throughout the week. There is a lot going on this term so please keep an eye on the newsletter for important dates. Thank you again for all your ongoing support - please know that it is hugely appreciated.

Maths

Our maths this term will start with the exploration and manipulation of **2D and 3D shapes**. We will be studying their properties, what links them and what makes them different. The children will learn to identify whether a shape is regular or irregular and how to identify shapes in our environment. We will look at **symmetry**, recognising it and creating it. In addition, we will continue to look at **time** and supporting the children to understand seconds, minutes and hours. Problem solving and reasoning questions throughout the rest of the term, will be used to consolidate the children's understanding of previously taught maths, including number, calculation and fractions.



English

We will begin our English this term with the book, 'Julian is a Mermaid'. Through this beautiful and imaginative text, we will develop the children's descriptive language, use the 'un' prefix to explore emotion and focus on the skills linked with diary writing. We will then move onto our 'Creation Myths' unit, using Tinga Tales to inspire the children's story writing. The children will look at story structure and how to apply the grammatical skills learned this year to create interest and add detail. Our non-fiction units will include explanation writing through the book 'Monsters - An Owner's Guide'. In addition to the above, handwriting and spelling will continue to be taught weekly.

Science

Our Science unit this term, will focus on 'Plants'. We will investigate the structure of plants and what they need to grow. We will also spend time looking at different types of plants, comparing them and investigating what makes them the same and what makes them different.



Geography

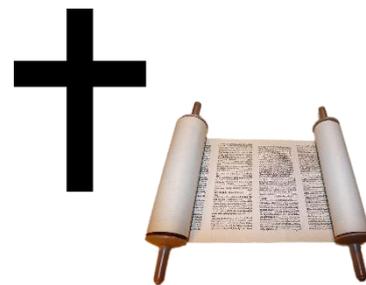
Linking with our value of respect and understanding, the children will compare and contrast their own lives with those living in a non-European country. The children will start with a study of their immediate environment in Much Hadham, identifying the human and physical features around them. They will then move onto a study of Canberra in Australia. The children will explore the human and physical geography of this area through atlases and online maps. They will spend time comparing and contrasting how these two areas of the world are different but also similar. They will also look at the features of maps and how keys help provide information about an area.



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RE

In the first half term, the children will explore the concept of 'Leaders and Teachers' linking with the Christian value of trust. What makes a good leader? Why do Christians chose to follow Jesus as their leader and follow his teachings? In the second half term, the children will focus their studies on the Jewish holy book, the Torah. We will explore what it is and what part it plays in bringing joy and clarity to the lives of Jewish people?



Art and DT

Our Art this half term, will focus on 'Patterns'. We will look at what makes a pattern and how patterns can be regular or irregular. We will then link it with our learning about Australia in Geography with a study of the patterns within Aboriginal art. After half term, our DT will look at safe preparation of fruit and vegetables.

PE

This term, we will continue to have PE on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. The children will be doing Teambuilding games, making pathways in Gymnastics, practising their ball skills and developing their jumping skills in different ways.



Computing

The computing unit in the first half term is 'Making Music' where the children will learn to compose their own digital music. After half term the unit is 'Presenting Ideas' where presenting stories and information will be the focus.

Music

Our music this first half term will centre around the African song, 'Hands, Feet, Heart'. In the second half term, we are delighted that the children will be taking part in the **Year 2 Music Festival** at the South Mill Arts Centre. This will take place on **Tuesday 20th June** (in the afternoon). The festival brings together Year 2 classes from around Bishop's Stortford to perform songs together to an audience of parents and carers. This year the theme is 'Space' and we look forward to sending out further information about this shortly.



RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

The first unit this term is 'Relationships'. What kinds of relationships are there and what makes a healthy and positive one? The second is 'Changing Me' where the children will learn about how bodies change and grow as we become older. Correct terminology for body parts will also be taught.

National End of Key Stage 1 Assessments (SATs)

These will take place in the **weeks commencing the 8th May and the 15th May**. Please could we ask that you make every effort for your child to be in school in the run up to these assessments and especially during these assessment weeks. The children will be well-supported throughout this period and we know, from experience, that children will rise to the challenge and often find the assessments enjoyable. You can support your child at home by reading with them regularly and questioning their understanding of the characters and the plot along with the structure of information texts. Completing the maths home learning each week, will also give your child more confidence in answering a range of problems.

Thank you all for your support in this. ☺