



Class B

Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new school year! Obviously, things around school are a little different but the children of Class B have made a brilliant start to the term. They are working very hard and have adapted well to new routines including lots of handwashing!

The Class B Bubble will be taught by Mrs Guy (class teacher), Mrs Harding (HLTA) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Sarah on Thursday and Friday. Sarah will also double as the lunchtime supervisor for the children every day.

As always there are lots of things to learn about this term as you will see below:

Our main topic this term will be **Around the World in 72 Days**. We will learn about Nellie Bly, an American journalist, who is famous for breaking the record of travelling around the world in 72 days in 1889. The children will follow in her footsteps, making their way around the globe. There will be plenty of opportunities to make cross-curricular links in the topic.



History/Geography Topic

The children will learn to about the countries and places visited by Nellie Bly on her trip: London, Paris, Egypt, the Himalayas and Japan.

They will also look at the different forms of transport she used compared to now.

English



In Key Stage 2, we use the 'Talk for Writing' approach and strategies to develop our writing skills. We will be practising the writing process (plan, draft, write, evaluate and edit). Our writing will cover a variety of genres including recounts, wishing stories, non-chronological reports, journalistic reports, poetry and lots of descriptive writing.

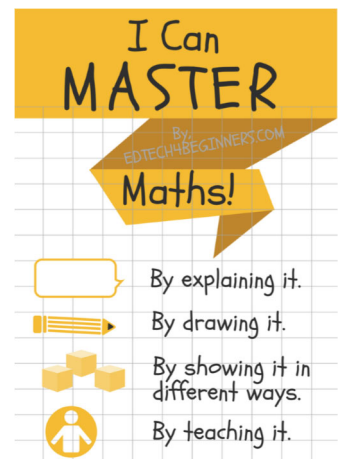
In addition, we will learn lots of important grammar and punctuation such as the use of inverted commas (speech marks), apostrophes and conjunctions.

Guided Reading will take place in groups with a teacher and also a Teaching Assistant each week and there will now be a daily 15-minute Read Write Inc Spelling lesson for the children.

Maths

Our lessons this term will focus on Number: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division.

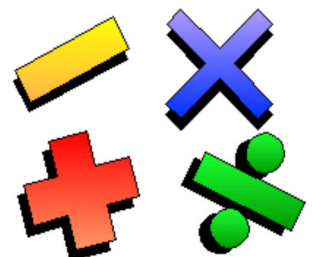
The children will be taught using the White Rose Maths Mastery approach with lots of opportunity to develop their ability to reason and problem-solve as well as practising basic skills.

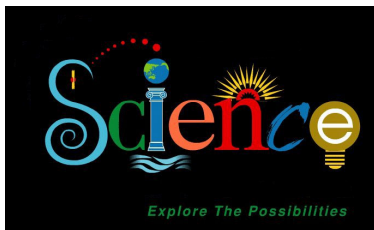


It is important for children to really get to grips with their times tables in Class B. By the end of Year 4, children should know all the times table facts up to 12 x 12 with fast recall.



There are good websites to help with this such as Times Tables Rock Stars (login provided), www.timestables.me.uk or www.timestables.co.uk.

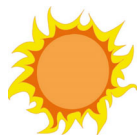




In Science lessons, the children will focus on developing their knowledge of Forces and Magnets.



They will investigate which materials are magnetic and non-magnetic and explore friction.



Later in the term, the theme will be Light.



The children will have the opportunity to work scientifically and carry out experiments.

PE



An outdoor games lesson will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. This term, the children will practise their ball skills and invasion games.

Earrings will need to be covered with micropore tape during the lesson but it is preferred that the children do not come to school with earrings in, if possible, on PE day.

On the other days, the children will take part in a Fitness session. Swimming is due to start for the Year 4 children after half term at the earliest.

More information will be provided when we have it.

MUSIC



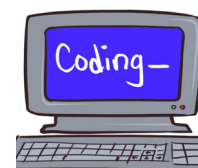
The children will be learning to play the Clarinet this year with a specialist music teacher.

Lessons will also involve lots of singing and developing their sense of pulse and rhythm.

Computing

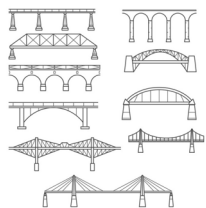
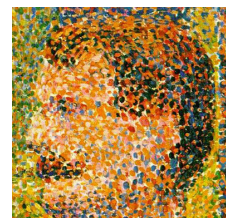


The children will learn how to code and about internet safety.

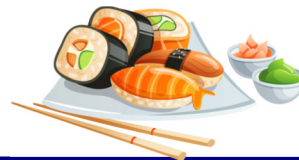


Art/ Design and Technology

We will explore the style of painting invented by Georges Seurat called Pointillism, experiment with printing and create collage scenes.



In addition, they will investigate bridges and build structures and prepare some Japanese food.



RE

Our RE work will focus on the question:
Why is the Bible important for Christians?



Homework

Brain Builder homework will be given out each week on Friday and must be handed in by the following Wednesday to allow for it to be quarantined before being returned.



Reading should take place daily and needs to be recorded in the Reading Record book.

The new Read Write Inc. Spelling scheme does not involve a weekly test but you will be sent a copy of the weekly spelling focus and words to learn so that you can help your child to consolidate their learning at home.

All children in school will take part in a programme of learning to develop essential character and life skills, improve behaviour and attitudes to learning.

Each term, they will take part in a series of group missions linked to an inspirational hero/heroine, explorer or adventurer and their life story.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and to a happy and successful Autumn term for the children.

If you have any questions regarding our work this term or your child's progress, please feel free to send me a message via Class Dojo or telephone school and I will do my best to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs Guy