



Class A Autumn Term 2024

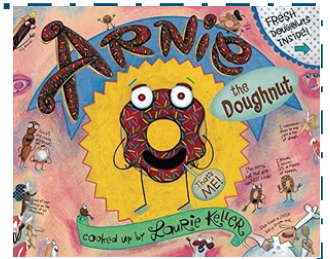
Dear Grown Ups of Class A,

We hope you all had a lovely Summer holiday and are excited for our first term this year! Our initial topic will be 'Britain at War' - where we take a look at both World War One and World War Two. This is a very exciting topic where we will cover the various causes of the conflicts, making our own decision on what the main triggers were. We will also learn about various significant individuals from these wars. We will create art work of soldiers and use of DT skills to create a model air raid shelter. The lives of children and evacuees will also be studied in depth, comparing and contrasting the lives of children in rural and more built up urban areas. Below you will find some of the areas we plan to cover across our subjects.

English

Year 5:

Our first book this term will be the 'Arnie the Doughnut'.



We will be using a range of time adverbials and subordinating conjunctions and clauses to enhance our fictional writing.

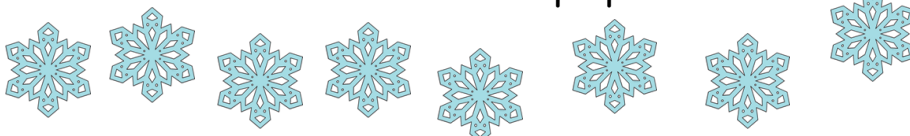
For our non-unit pieces of work, we will be using WOW words to create a detailed recount, before creating a set of instructions with an engaging rhetorical question in order to hook our audience.



Our second book will allow us to introduce comparatives and superlatives to our writing. Again, we will build on our vocabulary to enhance our writing even further.

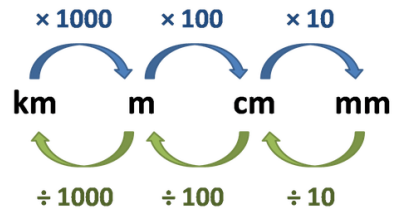
For our non-fiction unit, we will be writing an explanation text, focussing on presenting our work in a clear and orderly way, making use of titles, subheadings and paragraphs.

In the build up to Christmas, we will have a go at creating Winter or Christmas themed shape poems.



Maths

Year 5: We begin with Place Value - learning how to write km and spell numbers up to 1,000,000.



We then look at powers of 10, partitioning numbers and rounding to the nearest 10,100 or 1,000.

We will also regularly be recapping our times tables.

Year 6: We begin with Place Value - learning how to write and spell numbers up to 10,000,000.

We then look at powers of 10, comparing and ordering numbers before rounding to the nearest integer.

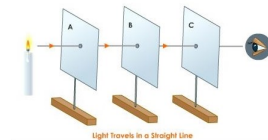
We end our unit by learning about negative numbers.

-20 to 20 number line



Science

In Science this term we will be investigating light.



History / Geography

Our first topic will be 'Britain at War' where we take a look at Britain's involvement in World Wars One and Two.

Children will look at the causes that led to the wars, as well as identifying any significant individuals in these conflicts.



We will make ties to art and DT as well as music for our first unit, and we will have a class read on the go that also links to our topic. We will make artwork of soldiers, design and create our own air raid shelters and study what life was like during the war for both soldiers on the front line and those who remained on the home front.

By the end of the unit, we will be able to respond in detail to our enquiry question of: 'Are wars ever worth fighting?'





We will use the Jigsaw PSHE scheme and this term we will focus on 'Being Me in My World'.

In this unit, we will look at how to face new challenges positively and how to develop our own emotional toolkits to manage our emotions.

We will also look at our roles within a team, be this in school or wider society, as well as the importance of rewards and sanctions depending on behaviour.



Spanish

In our first Spanish unit this year, we will be learning how to talk about our pets!



We will be learning about melodies in music this term. Linking to our topic, we will be learning various war time songs and performing as an ensemble with appropriate expression, chordal and rhythmic accompaniment.



Art / Design & Technology

We will be using charcoal to create silhouettes of WWI soldiers and paint to print poppy patterns.

In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating model air raid shelters in small groups.



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P.E



An outdoor PE lesson will continue to take place every Monday afternoon. This term the children will be learning dodgeball, where they will be able to develop their evasion skills and throwing techniques.

If the weather is particularly bad, the PE lesson will take place indoors.



Computing



For our first unit in Computing, we will be looking at smart lockers and how computers are used in different stages of online shopping. We will look in particular at smart lockers used by Amazon and Argos.



We have introduced a 'quiet reading time' where the children read their reading books first thing after lunch for 15 minutes while we take the register.

The children are welcome to read their school reading book in this time, or bring in their own book from home.

The children have enjoyed having some time carved out in the day for them to read their books while listening to some relaxing music, so we are looking forward to continuing this!

Homework is set on Fridays and is to be returned the following Wednesday.

There are 3 homework options to choose from, with a minimum of one to be completed. Dojos will be awarded for each piece of homework completed, and extra dojos will be awarded for spectacular pieces of work.



This will also include a set of spellings for your child which will be covered the following week in school.

Please also try to read with your child as often as possible.



If you have any questions regarding your child or our topic, please contact us via Class Dojo.

Best wishes,
Mrs Cole and Miss Helsby