



Holy Trinity Church of England School, Calne

Class Y5 Spring Term 2

Art

- Children will study the art and life of the abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky. They will look at how he uses squares with concentric rings to create art, in order to create their own piece. Their finished art work will be in the shape of a cocoa bean (relating to our topic of the term - Fairtrade).
- After this, the children will be inspired by the great pop artist Andy Warhol to create their own pop art painting of a chocolate bar.



Music

- Mr Seaborne will continue teaching music on a Monday. The children will be: Developing rhythmic skills, learning about note values and listening to a range of music in different styles and an introduction to instruments of the orchestra.



Physical Education

- **Swimming** - The children will continue swimming on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30-2.00. Please make sure that they have their swimming kits with them for this.
- **Basketball and handball** - the children will be taught basketball and handball by qualified coaches - a new and exciting scheme! This will be on a Wednesday morning so please make sure P.E kits are also in.

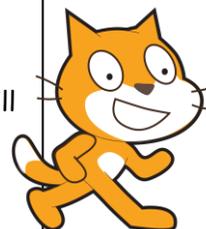


Science

- Properties and uses of materials - including testing materials for hardness, strength, conductivity and solubility.
- Changes of materials - including separating solutions

Information Technology

- We will continue with our detailed study of computer programming, looking at sound as our focus. The children will learn how to use a variable to increase programming possibilities, how to use logical reasoning to detect and debug mistakes, and how to select and combine the appropriate technology tools.



Happy New Year! Welcome back to Term 2. 😊 I hope you all had a magical Christmas.

This term, our P.E and swimming sessions will both happen on a Wednesday. Therefore, please ensure your child has their swimming and P.E kit on this day.

Thank you for all your support so far. Please feel free to see me if you have any questions about your child's progress or wellbeing.

Geography

Our new, exciting topic this term is Fairtrade! The children will be learning:

- What Fairtrade is.
- To locate Fairtrade countries and rivers nearby.
- What the Silk Road is famous for.
- About UK imports.
- Why it is fair.
- Why it does not always address causes.
- To design and organise a tuck shop to raise awareness.



Literacy

- Evaluating and editing their own and others' writing.
- Identifying the audience and purpose of writing and selecting the appropriate form.
- Using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.
- Using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses.
- Using a colon to introduce a list.
- Using bullet points consistently.
- Using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs.
- To make the most adventurous, appropriate and exciting word choices, using a thesaurus to help.



The children will begin by learning to write instructions. We will then move to looking at Non-Chronological reports where they will produce their own, exciting interactive text. After that, the children will be looking at traditional stories, fables and myths and then persuasive writing, which will link to our topic Fairtrade.

Our class book this term is Arthur by Michael Morpurgo. This links to the Literacy topic: Traditional stories, fables and myths.

Each week we will work on the year 5/6 statutory spellings, as well as spelling rules and patterns. The children have all done so well with the Autumn spellings! Please continue to practise this at home with the Spring words - the children should be aware of which words they need to focus on.

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

Reading

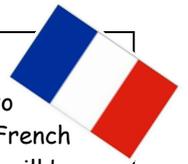
- We will be having a daily guided reading session. Each child will be heard once a week and will have to complete a series of comprehension questions.
- **Please continue listening to children at home. It has a huge impact on a child's developing vocabulary.**

PSHE

- There is a focus on 'positivity' this term as we begin our new year. Children will learn about positive thinking, understanding how the intensity of feelings vary from person to person. They will learn how to change automatic negative thoughts (ANT) and understand how a change in mindset can lead to a more positive mind!

French

- We will continue with our descriptions of ourselves, leading into descriptions of others. The children will then learn animals in French and begin to describe these too. After half term, the children will be responding to stories, and learning to order in a restaurant.



Religious Education

- Our topic this term is Hindu beliefs: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? The children will learn to understand that Hindus believe in a universal soul called Brahman, what the Tri-murti represents, and the story of Ganesha.
- After half term, the children will be learning about Salvation in Christianity: What did Jesus do to save human beings? What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?



Numeracy

This term the children will be learning to:

- Revise adding 5-digit numbers and using decomposition to subtract.
- Perform divisions mentally within the range of tables using remainders, fractions and decimal equivalences.
- Read Roman numerals to 100 and recognise years written.
- Understand place value in 6-digit numbers.
- Use negative numbers in context of temperature; Calculate rises and falls in temperature.
- Count forward and backwards with positive and negative numbers through zero.
- Plot points and draw polygons in two quadrants and reflect shapes in new.
- Draw line graphs of time.
- Revise comparing fractions with related denominators using equivalence.
- Understand decimal equivalents for halves, quarters, fifths, tenths and hundredths

There will still be a big focus on times tables. Please practise these at home with your child each week. A game called 'Spug' is fun to help them practise and is available on most smart phones and tablets. Please come to see me if you are interested in any other educational apps for your child.

