

Dragonfly Class- Topic Overview Autumn 2023

English

Writing

Theme: Cosmic

Genres: narratives, persuasive letter, newspaper reports, debates, instructions

Grammar:

Parts of speech, types of phrases, speech punctuation, standard / formal, informal language, cohesion and paragraphs, subjunctive, parenthesis, modal verbs, adverbials, colons, relative clauses.

Spelling:

Year 5 / 6 spelling rules: ough, silent letters: un prefix; able / ible; homophones; plurals adding s / ies / es; hyphenated words

Weekly spellings: CEW and rules.

Handwriting.

Reading groups; home reading; comprehension work

Science

Light: how light travels in straight lines, creation of shadows, reflection,

Earth and space:

The Earth and Moon, shape and orbits, day and night.

Maths

Place value: Roman numerals to 1000; numbers to 1,000,000; powers of 10; partitioning; comparing, ordering and rounding; Addition and subtraction: up to 4 digits; inverses; rounding to check; multi-step operations; negative numbers.

Multiplication and division: prime numbers, square numbers, cube numbers, factors, multiples and common multiples, long and short multiplication and division.

Fractions: fractions of numbers, equivalent, mixed and improper fractions, comparing and ordering, calculating with fractions.

Measures: metric and imperial conversion

PSHE

Beginning and belonging
Respecting others
Courtesy and manners
Characteristics of friendship
Where to get advice
Family and friends
Healthy family lives
Trust
Bullying

History- (2nd half-term): the Mayans: discovery, how we know about them, civilisation, religion, achievements, decline.

Geography - South America, climate, physical and human geography, trade and industry.

The RE question - Why do some people believe in a god? Theists, atheists, agnostics; discuss own views on deities and those of others and how it affects the way people live their lives; look at conflicts between science and religion.

Art and Design - Peter Thorpe, painting and pastel techniques, experimenting with colour, overlaying and overlapping, Mayan weaving.

Music - Charanga

French: introducing yourself; transport.

ICT -

e-safety, moving information, data handling, programming

PE - Thursday and Friday

Fitness.

Invasion games - tag rugby

Basketball with Leicester Riders from 20th Sept

2nd half term: invasion (football / dodgeball), sports hall, gymnastics.

Homework

Reading- it is expected that children read daily (with an adult where possible) – practise comprehension skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising and sequencing).

Maths: the children will be expected to undertake regular times tables practice on Rockstars and other tasks set when appropriate.

Spellings: weekly spelling tests are given – tests and new spellings on Friday.

Forest School: 9th November: class assembly 21st November.