



Stargazers

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to Term 3 and 4! In these notes you will find information relating to Kites class and a brief overview of some of the areas of study your child will be covering at school over the next two terms. Each 'big' term (autumn, spring and summer) has a whole school theme. Some subjects/activities might link to the theme however some areas will stand alone and could be inspired for example, by a book, current world events or a place. For terms 3 and 4 our topic is 'Stargazers'.

What does my child take home from school in regards to reading?

Children are able to choose from a range of books in class. In Key Stage 2 pupils have a green book review that they can fill in once they have finished their book.

During the next two terms we are continuing to develop our provision of reading including looking at developing our vocabulary strand more which will include Latin and Greek focus words.

Things to know

PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays but kits should be in school every day as lessons may be changed at short notice. PE kits are a white or blue t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Black or navy jumpers and jogging bottoms in colder months. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings should be taken out or covered with tape.

Homework is set on a Friday and should be back in school by the following Thursday.

Spellings are sent out every Friday and tested the following Friday. Reading books and records should be taken home everyday and signed by parents when you have heard your child read, ideally every day.

Areas of Exploration

Science

In term 3 we are looking at Earth and Space. In term 4 we'll be looking at electricity and answering questions such as: How does altering components effect the flow of electricity?

French

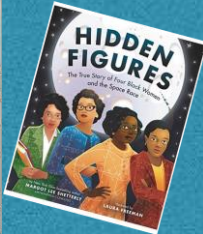
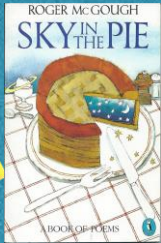
Kites will be looking at vocabulary associated with the great unknown – Space! In term 4 we will also be learning how to describe ourselves and our appearance in French.

History

What made the 1960s a memorable decade? We'll be looking at key events, people, fashions and music from the 60s. This will include the Beatles, the moon landing and Martin Luther King.

English

Books! Books! Books!



Above are just some of the books we'll be looking at in English and guided reading sessions. We cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry and within those genres we cover a range of writing styles.

Computing

We are learning about physical computing and using a microcontroller called a crumble. We are learning to control it using laptops.

DT

Tying in with Science, we'll be looking at electrical systems and motors to create our own toys. We'll also be using micro-bits to create a device that monitors temperature.

Geography

Why did the 'space race' countries feel they had to compete? We'll be learning about the countries involved in the space race and where they are. We'll find out about events leading up to the cold war. We'll be learning about the building of the Berlin wall and the impact of it.

PSHE

Kites will be looking at economic wellbeing and citizenship.

Religious Education

In RE we will be looking at Hindu beliefs – the idea that Brahman can be everywhere all at once. We will also be investigating why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday.'

Maths

Kites are learning to use formal written methods to multiply and divide. We are going to be looking at fractions in more detail. We will also be looking at decimals and percentages and the relationship between these and fractions.

Art

We will be using clay to explore how the way we display our art can affect the way it is seen. We will also be exploring still life and looking at a range of contemporary and more traditional artists to create our own still life inspired art work.

Music

Kites will be looking at composition to represent the Holi festival of colour and later on, will be learning how to play the recorder.

P.E

Gymnastics – we'll be practising and refining techniques used to make a good performance, including travelling and balances. We'll also be practicing dribbling, passing and shooting in hockey.