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Literacy

This term, we will study the features of modal verbs for possibility in Literacy.

Text: **Onyeka and the academy of the sun by Tala Okogwu**

Handwriting : A daily focus of handwriting aims to support the children in cursive and joined up letter formation.

Reading : We will be practising reading fluency and comprehension through a selection of high-quality texts.

Mathematics

Maths lessons focus on developing the children's abilities to reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of routine and non-routine problems and the ability to recall and apply mathematical knowledge rapidly and accurately.

This term we will be focusing on:
Fractions
Multiplication and Division
Algebra (Y6)
Statistics
Perimeter and Area
Decimals and Percentages





Computing

Our computing units this year will be completed on a carousel basis, with each class completing one of the following units, per term.

Digital Citizenship - Online Safety lessons will run throughout the year, for all classes.

Digital Literacy – The History of Computers & Bletchley Park

Computer Science – Hive Hackers

The aim of PwC Hive Hackers CI is to develop and build trust in society here in the Channel Islands, by inspiring, encouraging and preparing children for a world of technology through exposure to innovative digital education.

Science

Focus: Circulatory System and Evolution & Inheritance

Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, recognise impact of diet and lifestyle and describe how nutrients and water is transported around the body.

Recognise that living things can be changed over time, recognise that living things produce offspring and identify how plants and animals have adapted to their environment.

Geography

Focus: Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes.

Pupils will be taught physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.

Music

Focus: Drawing: Theme and variations (Pop art)

- Name rhythms, copy rhythms and perform rhythms
- Identify sounds different instruments make
- Recall the names of several instruments
- Keep the pulse using body percussion
- Sing with control and confidence
- Create a finished musical product

Design and Technology

Focus: Digital World

This term, children will design a "multifunctional" and "compact" product, taking it from a simple idea to a 3D digital model using CAD. Along the way, they will develop essential tech skills by coding a digital compass and learning how to "debug" their programs when things don't go quite right.

By the end of the term, your child will have evaluated their own work against professional design criteria and practiced their communication skills by pitching their final invention.

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Homework Information
Children in Year 5 and 6 are expected to complete the following homework:

Weekly

Reading: Read daily at home and record your reading in your homework diary. 1 dojo point will be awarded for every session of reading recorded in the diary. If you read 4 or more times a week, you will earn a raffle ticket for the Kindle raffle.

Homework diaries are due in on Fridays.

Spellings: We will have a spelling test, once a week on a **Friday morning**. Spelling homework will be completed through an online platform, called Spelling Shed (further information about this to follow).

Times Tables: Your maths teacher will give you a times table, or a number fact-based challenge, to learn and practise each week. Times table tests and challenges will take place weekly – the day/date of which will be decided by your maths teacher.

PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK DIARY SO THAT WE KNOW THEY HAVE READ AND COMPLETED THEIR HOMEWORK

Other than a watch and a small pair of stud earrings, jewellery should not be worn to school. If other jewellery is worn to school, it will be confiscated and returned to at the end of the day, to take home.

Earrings MUST Not be worn on PE days. (Failure to do this will mean that participation in PE will not be possible.)

Contacting us

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

If you require an urgent response or need to notify us of any absence or changes to pick-ups etc. **please contact the secretary in the office directly**, as we **cannot** always look at the Dojo during the school day.

(The school secretary will pass any urgent messages on to us directly.)

Please note staff are not expected to respond to dojo messages before 8.30am or after 5pm.

Things to remember:

- **Wear P.E. kit to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**
- **Homework diaries in school every day and handed in to the class teacher on Fridays.**
- **Spelling homework completed by Fridays**
- **Spelling tests on Fridays**
- **Times Table tests weekly – day tbc**
- **School Equipment:** Children are allowed to bring their own pencil cases to school. Year 5 and 6 are expected to write in pen (blue ink only—not black). Erasable, blue-ink pens are encouraged.

PE Kit
Please make sure you wear the regulation, school PE Kit.

Summer kit: White t – shirt (no logos), royal blue school shorts, trainers

Winter Kit: White t-shirt, blue school shorts or navy-blue, or black leggings or jogging bottom, trainers. A navy-blue sweatshirt may also be worn. No logos on any of this clothing other than the school logo.

Children who do not wear the correct PE kit will be sent home with a slip and **given kit from lost property to wear.**

Dates for the Diary:

January
Wednesday 14th - Maths roadshow tbc
Monday 19th - Royal court visit (Y6)

February
Friday 6th – NSPCC Number Day & PTFA
Disco (Further information to follow)

March
2nd, 4th - Fab Lab (Y5)
24th March – Parents' evening - tbc
25th March – Parents' evening - tbc
27th March – Spring Term ends

PACE workshops
27th Feb
6th March
13th March
20th March
25th March



Mobile Phones
If you need to bring a mobile phone to school, please make sure to hand it in to the office at the start of the day and they will keep it safe, your child will collect it from the office at the end of the day.

Further Information will be given via Dojo for future sporting events, discos and cultural enrichment.