

WB 27/11/2023

Welcome to the week ahead

Welcome to cold, drizzly grey November. After the sunny days of last week, today's wintry weather has seemed miserable in comparison. However, this week will end full of Christmas cheer, with our Advent Fair taking place on Friday. Before that, the children have a lot of hard work ahead.

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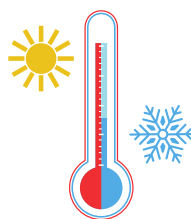


This week in Year 1 we are reading Little Bear Lost. We will be using the story to support our writing, and also our history topic 'Old and New'. We are inviting grandparents in to discuss and show toys they played with as a child, and we will compare them to the toys we have today.



In maths, we are continuing to focus on number lines and ordering numbers to 20.

This week in Y2, we will deepen our understanding of the world and will learn to compare where we live to some hot and cold countries. We will continue to develop our understanding of money in maths and learn to make different amounts using notes and coins. In PSHE we will identify our strengths and set ourselves achievable goals.



This week Y4's geographical focus will change slightly and move to looking at where our food comes from: first looking at how food choices impact the environment and then the importance of trading responsibly. This will link to our DT work where we will begin to create a healthy, nutritious recipe that uses seasonal vegetables. Some children will begin to make their food this week; others will have their turn to cook in the next few weeks.



This week in English Y3 children will begin looking at a new and exciting text called 'Escape from Pompeii'. This text will further build on all the learning they have completed about Rome and our learning in Geography on volcanoes. We will also begin a new art unit, exploring the work of Frank Bowling. They will look to design their own art piece using fabric and paint and then add stitching to finish their masterpieces. In their PSHE lessons the children will focus on building resilience and breaking down barriers. Maths will also see us start a new topic - multiplication and division.



In maths this week, Year 5 will use and apply multiplication and division knowledge when answering reasoning style questions. In English we will use relative clauses to enhance our sentence writing and continue to build on our writing stamina. During our geography lesson we will investigate what the Viking settlements look like and how they differed from Anglo-Saxon settlements. We will also look at where the Vikings settled and who was in control of Britain at the time during our history lesson. In art we will explore mixed media landscapes and create our own masterpieces.

Year 6 have changed their focus from geography to history and have begun to compare Captain Cook with Dame Ellen MacArthur. In English, they are moving onto the book 'Eric' in English and thinking about how it relates to feeling like an outsider. In maths, they have reached the end of the 4 operations unit and will be moving onto fractions. They will be simplifying, adding and subtracting both fractions and mixed numbers.



This week in EYFS our drawing club adventures are linked to 'The Snowman', a short video clip. We are going to be practising writing CVC words to help give the snowman magic powers. We will also be exploring some countries around the world, looking closely at the polar regions and the animals that live there. In maths we are going to explore one more and one less using five frames and number lines.