

McAuley Class Curriculum Letter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the sunshine during the half-term and had a restful break! We would like to inform you of the curriculum content your child will be studying in the final half-term of this year, as well as review the day-to-day routines and procedures in place to support their learning.

English and Maths

In English, we will be working on a fantasy text, exploring character profiles, diary entries and writing our own extended sequels!

In maths, we will be revising all we have learned this year so far and applying our knowledge in the context of problem solving.

Please continue to assist your child's development in both of these curriculum areas by ensuring they are learning their spellings, reading and practising their times tables **every day**. Additionally, please support your child by working on any outstanding maths targets so they can achieve their targets before the end of the year.

Science

During this term your child will develop their knowledge and understanding of light. They will learn that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. Through a range of practical investigations, they will be able to identify that light is reflected from surfaces and recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a source is blocked by a solid object. By recording their findings and analysing their results, your child will be able to find patterns in the way that the sizes of shadows change and use this knowledge to make further predictions. They will learn to present their findings in tables and graphs. In addition, your child will learn how sunlight can damage their eyes and how they can protect their eyes in the sun.

RE

In RE this half-term, your child will learn about role models who have been led by their faith in God to achieve great things. In addition, they will research different saints to learn more about their accomplishments. Finally, they will reflect on the examples set by those we have studied and explore how they can grow closer to God themselves.

Geography

This term in Geography your child will be studying the major rivers of the UK, with a focus on the River Thames. We intend to visit the River Thames for a field trip to add depth to their understanding of:

- The location of key rivers
- The importance and formation of rivers
- The Water Cycle
- River wildlife
- Pollution/Conservation

DT

In DT this half-term, your child will learn about the principles of a healthy and varied diet. They will use a range of tools and equipment to prepare and cook 3 dishes which will focus on recipes and ingredients from around the world. In addition, they will create recipe cards to take home so that they can recreate their dishes for their friends and families!

MFL

This term your child will continue to explore the patterns and sounds of the French language through songs and rhymes. They will practise speaking in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures. Also, they will broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words in the context of weather.

Your child will also take part in multi-cultural and language awareness activities. In order to give your child the opportunity to experience lots of French language and culture, events such as the Bastille Day and Le Tour de France will be explored and celebrated across the school.

Computing

Your child will start by playing and analysing educational computer games and identifying those features that make a game successful. Next they will plan and design a game, with a target audience in mind. After this, your child will create a working prototype, and then develop it further to add functionality and improve the user interface. Finally, they will test their game and make any necessary changes.

PE

The children have P.E every **Monday** afternoon. Please ensure your child has their full **Indoor** and **Outdoor** PE kits for all lessons.

In outdoor PE your child will continue to take part in a range of athletic activities in preparation for our Sports Day. Additionally, your child will develop their problem solving skills in Outdoor Adventure Activities, learning to choose and apply strategies to meet the requirements of a task or challenge while working as part of a team.

Your child will also be partaking in swimming lessons every **Monday** for the duration of this term. Please ensure that your child has all the equipment they require for this lesson (as detailed in a previous letter) to enable them to make the most of this opportunity.

Furthermore, your child will have the opportunity to partake in extra PE sessions, every other half term, with our sports coach David Dines on **Friday**. The other half term they will continue to participate in music sessions with Mr Dixon.

Reminders: Could you please ensure that your child brings their school water bottle into school every day, with their name clearly marked on it. If your child does not have a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.50.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Crowther
McAuley Class Teacher