



Campion Class Spring Two Curriculum Letter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a very restful half term and positive start to Lent as you begin your preparations for Easter. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum content your child will be studying, as well as the day to day routines and procedures of the school.

English and Maths

As I am sure you are aware, your child takes part in English and Maths lessons every day. To assist your child in their development in both these curriculum areas, please give them support and encouragement in reading and practising their times tables/division facts **every day**.

Regular mental calculation practice e.g. adding up items whilst shopping; time – duration as well as telling the time and answering sums are all important in supporting your child's confidence with mental calculation. In addition to this your child has a maths target card with individual targets designed to help extend and improve their mathematical skills and confidence. Please support your child by working through their targets on a regular basis and encouraging them to utilise the online Mathematics revision programme at home, using their personal log in to give them access to maths revision activities specifically set by myself to support your child's learning in mathematics.

To help improve your child's reading and comprehension skills, please ensure that your child reads for at least 30 minutes daily and that you make time yourself to regularly listen to them reading aloud and question them on the text that they are reading.

Science

During this term your child will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of properties and changes of materials. This unit is designed to revise and extend their knowledge of the range of materials we use and of the properties that characterise them. This knowledge should help them recognise what needs to be considered when a material is chosen for a particular use.

Your child will also explore the differences between solids, liquids and gases and recognise that the same material can exist as both solid and liquid. They identify changes that occur when solids and liquids are mixed and how to separate solids that are not dissolved from a liquid. They will learn that melting and dissolving are different and recognise that when a solid dissolves it is still there.

Your child will have the opportunity to report and present findings from investigations, including reaching conclusions, causal relationships and explanations. Your child will have the opportunity to work scientifically: planning investigations to answer a question and reporting their findings in various ways.

RE

This half-term, in the topic of Memorial Sacrifice your child will explore how memories are kept alive. They will learn how the Eucharist keeps the memory of Jesus' sacrifice alive and present in a special way.

As part of our preparations for Easter and Lent your child will be working on the topic of Sacrifice. Throughout the topic your child will explore the cost of giving. They will learn about Lent, a time of giving and preparation for the celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus. They will also learn about Holy Week and Easter. At this point of term your child will also be thinking about our Lent project.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term your child will learn about the importance of preventing diseases, how and why it is important to lead a healthy lifestyle and how to stay safe in an emergency situation.

History/Geography

In geography this half term your child will learn about the geography of South America, the fourth largest continent in the world. Your child will firstly learn where South America is and develop an understanding of the countries and capital cities within it. Throughout the topic they will learn about the physical and human geographical features of South America, such as the climate, mountain ranges and population of the countries within the continent. Also, your child will have the opportunity to present their wealth of knowledge to their peers, applying the geographical vocabulary they have learnt throughout the topic.

Art

This half term's Art topic will see your child learning about self-portraits. They will consider what a portrait is and look at various examples by a range of artists from different genres. Equipped with this knowledge, they will use their developing skills in drawing, painting and collage to create their own unique portraits and self-portraits.

Computing

In computing your child will be learning how to use computers to create artwork through geometric shapes. Your child will study and gain inspiration from the work of Bridget Riley and Mauris Escher to create their own tessellating masterpieces using Inkscape to add colour, placement, layering and transparency.

MFL

Throughout KS2 your child has been developing their knowledge and confidence in using the French language. They will continue to build on this during the spring term following the Euro Stars Scheme of Work on the topic of '*Scène de plage*'. They will explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Further to this they will begin to develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words and phrases, continuing to gain confidence in using simple language for classroom interaction. Your child will also have an increased focus on applying their knowledge of grammatical features to identify and compare grammatical features in English and French.

PE

Your child has P.E every **Monday and Wednesday**. Please ensure they have their full **Indoor** and **Outdoor PE** kits for all lessons. In addition, your child will have the opportunity to partake in extra PE sessions, every other half term, with our sports coach David Dines on **Friday**.

Indoor PE will enable your child to develop their gymnastic skills and techniques. In this unit your child will focus on improving their balancing techniques. They will gain an understanding of the importance of balance as a foundation for more advanced gymnastic skills. Throughout the term, your child will be working in a pair or group to choreograph and perform sequences of balances with both props and the larger equipment.

In outdoor PE your child will be studying tag rugby, where they will learn how to handle and pass a rugby ball; maintain a defensive line, and carry out attacking patterns of play. Your child will be developing their tactical awareness and have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to work as part of a team and outwit the opposition.

Music

Your child will have the opportunity to partake in music lessons with our specialist music teacher – Mr Dixon - every other half term, as well as taking part in weekly hymn practices. In these lessons your child will learn about a variety of different musical genres, instruments and have the opportunity to create and compose their own musical pieces.

Finally, it would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that your child brings their school water bottle into school everyday, 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. Please ensure any money that is sent into school is enclosed in a school money pocket and detailed with the necessary information. Money pockets can be purchased from the school reception also.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hilton
Campion Class Teacher