



Baptist Class

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term break. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the topics your child will be learning about this half-term.

English

In English, your child will be learning about the rainforest through a story by Helen Cowcher. At first, we will explore the animals and plants in a rainforest and use exciting adjectives and verbs to describe them and their movements. Then we will create short poems and perform these using expression and action. After, your child will look at the features of persuasive writing and write their own advert persuading people to look after the Rainforest. Later in the topic, your child will learn facts about the rainforest to create a fact file on it.

Maths

In Maths, your child will be learning the different names of common 2D and 3D shapes. They will discuss and identify these shapes by looking at their features, such as the number of sides, and sort these shapes by their properties. After, your child will learn about symmetry and how to draw a line of symmetry on a shape. With all of our maths concepts, we provide your child with opportunities to apply their learning in a variety of contexts, including real life situations. Later in the term, your child will have the chance to revise their number facts as we revise number bonds and times tables.

RE

In RE this term, your child will be learning about two topics, Neighbours and Being Sorry (Reconciliation). In Neighbours, your child will be discussing their own experiences with neighbours, learning that that Jesus taught us everyone is our neighbour and showed us how us to treat our neighbours. They will learn the story of the Good Samaritan and read some scripture based on Psalm 18. We will also be looking at the work of CAFOD and how their work is linked to the belief that everyone is our neighbour, and how we can support our global neighbours.

In the Reconciliation topic, your child will be looking at saying sorry, forgiveness and the feelings around these. They will look at the story of Levi, the story of Zacchaeus and scripture from the book of Isaiah that discusses God's forgiveness. Your child will think about the examples of Jesus forgiving others from these stories, how Jesus taught his followers to act and why Jesus forgave others. Your child will write their own prayer on the theme of being sorry and discuss how saying sorry and forgiving others can make the world a happier place.

Science

This term our topic in science is key skills revision. In science, your child will conduct an investigation to see which material is the best to build a boat from. They will work collaboratively to design and make a boat before predicting whether their boat floats and how long for and testing their predictions. As a class, we will then discuss how to keep a test fair before running a simple experiment to see which material is the best to build a boat from and why.

Geography

In Geography this term, your child will learn about the country Brazil and where it is located in the world. They will focus on how the climate differs compared to the UK, why this is and the impact this has on the land, wildlife and daily life. We will also host a Brazilian Day to celebrate Brazilian culture and traditions for example music, dance and food.

Art

In art this half term, your child will be looking at the work of various artists who have created self-portraits and use these as inspiration to create their own using their visual voice. Your child will develop their observational skills and learn to state preferences around the art of others. Your child will develop their sketching skills and learn how to use paint to create tones and textures using techniques such as mixing, dotting and long strokes, to complete their sketch. Finally, your child will have an opportunity to evaluate their artwork and improve to create a final masterpiece!

Computing

In computing this term, your child will learn what an algorithm is and to understand that computers follow a simple set of instruction to do something. At the start of the topic, your child will program a human to carry out an algorithm before moving on to programming Bee-Bots. After, your child will use code.org to build an algorithm that moves characters around a space.

PE

In Outdoor PE, our topic this term is Outdoor Adventure! This topic focuses mainly around challenges and teamwork. Your child will practise working and communicating effectively as a team, as well as developing their resilience in the face of problem solving. They will be practising map reading skills, navigating and continuing to work on their co-ordination and agility.

In Indoor PE this term, your child will learn traditional dances from around the world. They will learn basic steps for the Samba and the Charleston, as well as movements from Bollywood-inspired dance, Irish dance and African dance. They will have the opportunity to perform their new dance skills to traditional music at the end of each lesson.

Your child will have Indoor PE on Mondays and outdoor PE on Tuesdays. PE kits should contain tracksuit tops and bottoms, shorts, t-shirts and trainers (please ensure girls have additional socks, as they cannot take part in tights). PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and remain in school all week (please ensure that kits and the rest of their uniform is clearly marked with your child's name).

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, your child will be learning about diet, exercise and self-care in their topic 'Healthy Lifestyle'. Your child will build on their topic of 'Salads' in DT last half term by understanding how to balance their diet through making healthy choices. Your child will also explore different forms of exercise, personal hygiene and how to stay safe as a pedestrian or when spending time in the sun.

Music

In music this term, your child will be continuing to listen to and create a descriptive piece of music about animals. They will focus on performing together in an ensemble, focussing on the combination of pitch and rhythmic elements.

Uniform

Now that we have entered the summer term, your child should be in their summer uniform. As the weather heats up, please ensure that your child has a full bottle of water each morning when they come to school. Please ensure water bottles and uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name. You may wish to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school as well.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this letter; or any other matter of concern, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are available at the end of the day to answer quick questions; however appointments can be made via the school office to discuss any more lengthy matters.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Miss Crowther

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