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Spring One Curriculum Letter

McAuley Class



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts for myself, Mrs Wu and Miss Dixon—they were very much appreciated!

As we enter a new year, I would like to provide you with some updates to your child's learning for this half-term. We will be starting new topics, our main one being 'Misty Mountain, Winding River' and we also will have a trip linked to this—more details on this to follow!

As always, if you have any concerns, queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day. Alternatively, if you feel you need a longer discussion, please make an appointment to meet with me.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Slattery

(McAuley Class Teacher)

What We're Learning

English

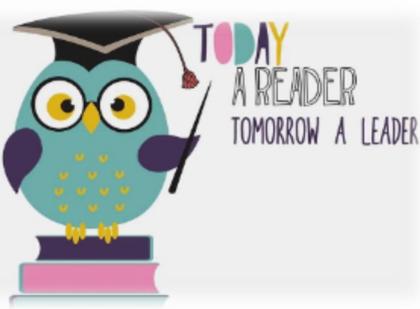
At the beginning of this half term, we will read, *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold. Our SPaG foci for this half-term will be clauses and speech punctuation, and your child will incorporate these features when writing their own versions of the story. By the end of this half-term, we will move to non-fiction writing, and link to our main project (more information overleaf.) Your child will learn about diary writing and they will write an entry about a river trip.

Maths

This half-term, we will begin our learning on '*Multiplication*' and '*Division*'. Your child will learn about multiplication in terms of 'sharing' and grouping', and aim to consolidate their knowledge of the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and division facts. Following this, they will use this knowledge to help them when working with fractions. They will begin by developing an understanding the different parts of a fraction, and then use this knowledge to compare and order both unit and non- unit fractions.

R.E.

This half-term, your child will study the topics, '*Journeys*' and '*Sikhism*'. In 'Journeys', your child will learn about how the experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. They will learn about how the Christian life is about journeying with Christ and sharing his way of life. During our topic on 'Sikhism,' your child will learn the importance of the Gurdwara as a place Sikhs can come together as a community and how it and their activities there demonstrate their core values.



Main Project- Geography — ‘Misty Mountain, Winding River’

This half-term, your child will learn about the journey of a river, uses of a river and rivers of the world. They will then learn about mountain types and mountains in the UK, and further afield.

Science

Your child will study ‘*States of Matter*’. They will learn about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They will observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology.

Computing

Your child will continue to develop their coding skills this half-term, developing their existing skills in writing algorithms of code. They will also have the opportunity to experiment with how code can be used to make music.

Art

Your child will study the topic, ‘*Vista*’ this half-term. They will learn about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere.

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Your child will study the topic, ‘*Functional and Fancy Fabrics*’ this half-term. They will learn about the significant designer, William Morris. They will create repeating patterns and try techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing.

P.E.

This half-term, our PE sessions will be on **Wednesdays**. We will be doing outdoor PE, developing our ball handling skills, learning about passing and catching using our hands for sports such as Handball, Basketball or Netball.

M.F.L (Modern Foreign Language)

This half-term, our French sessions will be taught by me! Your child will continue to learn basic words and phrases, and develop their confidence when conversing in French.

Key Information & Reminders

- ◆ For the duration of the Spring Term, McAuley Class will take part in **Outdoor PE** on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child brings their tracksuit with their PE kit on Mondays.
- ◆ Weekly Spelling and Times Tables Tests will continue to take place on a **Monday**. Your child's scores will be recorded in the back of their reading record every Monday— please continue to monitor these.
- ◆ Please ensure your child brings their water bottle everyday to school—think of their water bottle as part of their uniform!
- ◆ The cold weather continues! Please ensure your child wears a jumper and coat to school every day. If they wear gloves, hats or scarves, please ensure they are clearly labelled.

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made a Mistake never
tried anything New"
-Albert Einstein

Save the Date

⇒ **Thursday 19th January—3:30– 8:30pm Pupil
Progress Parents' Evening**

*(Please make an appointment when the form is sent via ParentMail)

Miss Slattery's Three for Year 3!

1. **Times Tables** — are focused on in LKS2 ahead of the test at the end of Year 4. You have a target times tables following our times tables tests including division facts. I have been so impressed with the dedication many of you have shown to learning these in the Autumn term, keep it up!
2. **Reading** — one of the most important things you can do, and your child will be starting to take responsibility for filling in their reading records independently and remembering to read each day. Remember DEAR—Drop Everything And Read!
3. **Try your Best** — trying your best is the most important thing in Year Three. If you don't try, you can't get it right or wrong and you won't be able to learn anything! Even when we make a mistake, we learn, so always *always* try! As the quote above from Albert Einstein says, "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."