



Friday 3rd November 2023

McAuley Class



Autumn Two Curriculum Letter

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a great half term, and were able to enjoy the time off school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the first term. The children have settled into the new class extremely well and I can already see the change in their willingness to be more independent and proactive with their learning. It was also, lovely to see so many of you for Target Setting evening. Thank you for coming!

If you have any concerns, queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day, or make an appointment to meet with me.

As we are heading towards Christmas, this will be a busy and exciting term, I appreciate your continued support.

Miss Elston

(McAuley Class Teacher)

What We're Learning

Main Project- History — 'Through the Ages'

We will continue our Main Project 'Through the Ages', throughout the second half of the Autumn term. This term's learning will focus on the Bronze and Iron age, where the children will study the development of tools, homes, settlements and skills required by humans across the two periods. Farming and The Celts will also be a learning point.

English

This half-term we will begin reading '*The First Drawing*,' by Mordicai Gerstein. From this text, character description, recounts and narratives in the first person. Daily reading continues to be a focus in Year 3/4. Please ensure you listen to your child read aloud, in order to develop their fluency and expression, and ask them questions about what they have read to check their comprehension of the text.

Maths

We will continue to follow the White Rose scheme this term. We will cover 'Addition and Subtraction,' and begin 'Multiplications and Division'. In addition to this, times tables continue to be a big focus this year. It is essential that your child practises their times tables daily.

R.E.

This half-term, your child will study the topic of 'Gift'. Your child will learn about how gifts given and received, are a sign and expression of love. The children will learn how Jesus revealed God's love for humanity and the possibility of friendship. During the season of Advent, we explore this gift of love and the promise of Jesus' return at the end of time.

What We're Learning

Science

Continuing with '*Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System*', your child will learn the different types of bones and their functions, and gain knowledge about vertebrate and invertebrates. They will also explore how joints and muscles work together to allow movement and support the body.

DT

This project is linked to 'Through the Ages'. This project teaches children about food groups and the Eatwell guide. They will learn about methods of cooking and explore these. The children choose and make a taco filling according to specific design criteria.

Computing

Your child will use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using iPads. Next, they will apply those skills to create a story-based animation. This unit will conclude with your child adding other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.

Music

Mr Dixon, our music teacher, will continue to teach our music sessions throughout this academic year. The children will continue to develop their confidence in singing throughout this half-term.

P.E.

This half-term our topic is 'Gymnastics.' Our sessions will be run by a coach from The PE & School Sports Network. Your child will develop their skills in rolling, rocking, travelling, balancing and jumping.

P.S.H.E

We will consider the importance of 'Rules and Regulations' both in school, and wider contexts. Your child will learn about the role of our School Council. They will learn about people in power including councillors, MPs and Headteachers.

M.F.L (Modern Foreign Language)

This academic year, we will learn French through a new curriculum scheme, '*Language Angels*.' Your child will continue to develop their confidence when conversing in French by being introduced to the first and second sets of phonics sounds.



Key Information & Reminders

- ♦ McAuley Class will take part in Indoor PE lessons on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school on Mondays with their full PE kit.
- ♦ Spelling and Times Tables Tests take place on a **Monday**. Your child's scores will be recorded in the back of their reading record every Monday– please remember to check these.
- ♦ Please ensure your child brings their water bottle everyday to school—think of their water bottle as part of their uniform!



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 13th November 2023— Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Week this week

Friday 17th November 2023— Children In Need – Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 22nd November 2023— School Photographs (Individual + Siblings)

Thursday 14th December 2023– Key Stage Two Advent Carol Service – 2:00pm – Most Holy Trinity

Tuesday 19th December 2023– Christmas Parties – 1:30– 2:30pm

Wednesday 20th December 2023– Christmas Dinner

Christmas Holidays; **Thursday 21st December 2023** (School closes at 2pm) – Friday 5th January 2024

Miss Elston's Top Three for being in Year 3!

- 1. Read Every Day:** Reading is a superpower that takes you on lots of fabulous adventures. Read something every day! The more you read, the stronger your reading skills will become.
- 2. Practise Your Times Tables:** Just like athletes train to excel in their sport, practising your time tables is the key to becoming a Maths Champion. Dedicate a special time each day to work on them.
- 3. Be a Great Friend and Learner:** Treat your classmates and teachers with kindness and respect. Learning is more fun when you work as a team and support one another.
- 4. Stay Positive:** You're capable of incredible things, and sometimes you might face challenges. Remember, it's okay to make mistakes – that's how we learn! So, stay positive, keep smiling, and believe in your awesomeness. You've got this!