

Dear Parents and Carers,

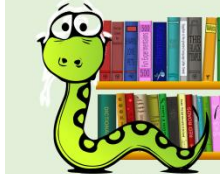
I hope you have all had a great Christmas break. We are looking to our next term of learning in Dahl Class.

Our Big Question for Connections this term is 'Are humans the most powerful thing in the world?' We will be learning about different types of extreme weather in the UK and abroad and making our own weather forecast in groups. We will be recording our daily weather observations in our Weather Diary and thinking about how the weather affects our lives. The children will also learn about how a country's climate is affected by its location and research some natural disaster that have taken place due to this. For our Artwork this term, the focus will be on printing and painting scenes to depict extreme weathers. The children will need to select (and create) appropriate colours and consider the texture of materials to print.



Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise

The children will be taught VIPER reading skills such as, how to make predictions, use inferencing to help understand the text and retrieve information from text to answer comprehension questions. Our class book we will be using for Guided Reading this term is 'The Great Fire of London' by Emma Adams. They will apply these skills across the different curriculum areas.



In Literacy the children will be starting off the term by writing their own version of 'Noah's Ark'. They will be working on their descriptive writing and using the key story structure. The children will continue to develop their spelling with daily phonics and spelling sessions. During our grammar sessions, children will be learning how to expand their sentences using conjunctions.

Within Maths this term, we will be starting off with our unit on Time. We will be understanding and sequencing events in chronological order, using language like before, after, next, and yesterday and understanding time concepts such as hours and minutes. We will be comparing and sequencing intervals of time, e.g., ordering periods from shortest to longest.



The Science topic this term is Materials. Within this topic, the children will be able to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. They will make a prediction, perform simple tests and use their observations to answer simple questions. The children will also be researching about Charles Mackintosh and his invention of the raincoat.

In Music, our next topic is pitch and tempo (Theme: Superheroes). This unit will help the children learn how to identify high and low notes and to compose a simple tune to represent a superhero.

In RE, we will be studying Islam. The children will be using their learning to answer the question: How is Allah described in the Qur'an? The children will be recapping the main beliefs of the Islam religion and will be using this to make connections between Christian beliefs and their worship.



In PSHE, our third unit will be on 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be recognising things that they do well and explaining how we learn best. We will start to recognise our own feelings when faced with a challenge

Homework and Spellings

Your child's homework will be set on Mathletics one week and then on Reading Eggs the following week. Please ensure your child's homework is completed by the following Thursday.