

## Dahl Class Spring Term Newsletter

This term we will continue to build up our knowledge to answer our big question: How do humans use water? Becoming historians, we will consider how the use of water has changed over time, and how the way we use water today was different to the past. Children will have to use their skills to make inferences using historical artefacts, and consider how we use these items in our modern world.

Thinking as an artist children will develop their ability to identify skills and materials used in different pieces of art. They will then focus on watercolours. When using water colours they will experiment with different strokes, and how the paint reacts with water and paper. For their final piece they will produce their own water scape.

Children continue to develop their phonic skills in their Read Write Inc sessions, as well as having the opportunity to develop their writing skills in a range of genres. When doing so children will have a focus on sentence structure and word choice, ensuring secure grammatical foundations are in place.

Last term in whole school read children read 'Where the poppies grow'. This term we will be reading 'Peace Lily' again by Hilary Robinson. As well as discussing the theme of the text and comparing it to 'Where the poppies grow' children will be identifying rhyme, and considering how the story makes us feel and why.

Children have been working really hard in developing their knowledge of the four operations, This term they will continue to develop these skills but will be applying them in a range of settings. They will also be introduced to and revisit concepts including time, length and height and position and direction. If you wanted to help your child at home, practicing counting would be hugely beneficial. Starting on any number, counting forwards and backwards as well as step counting in 2s, 5s and 10s would certainly help our children.

In RE, we will be exploring our big question: Why does Easter matter to Christians? Children will be developing their knowledge of the Easter story and understanding the significance in plays in a Christians' life.

In Science our next topic is Animals including Humans. We will be observing changes that are happening around us in our natural world, and develop our knowledge of life cycles and animal grouping.

In PSHE, our next unit is 'Healthy me'. We will be considering how we can live a healthy and balanced life style, and how we can keep ourselves and other safe including E-Safety and Road Safety.

### Homework and Spellings

The most valuable homework you can do with your child is to set aside a short and daily piece of time where you share, read and enjoy books together.

The children will also need to complete other pieces of homework and spellings. Your child's homework will be set on Mathletics one week and then on Reading Eggs Express the following week. This will be set each Friday. Please ensure your child's homework is completed by the following Thursday.

### PE

PE lessons will be on a **Thursday**, please can you ensure your child comes into school in their PE clothing.

### Outdoor Education

The children will have one session of Outdoor Education each week on a **Thursday**. Please can you ensure children have wellies on this day.