

English:

To begin and settle back in to our English lessons, we will revisit the basic skills and have a big focus on presentation, handwriting and punctuation and spellings. Our English lessons will focus around the novel *The Great Food Bank Heist* by the wonderful author Onjali Q Rauf. This novel is full of humour, whilst promoting empathy and will hopefully engage the children and help to progress their reading and writing skills. The children will also take part in guided reading sessions, as well as handwriting practice and a weekly spelling lesson.

Mathematics: Taught by Mr Lancaster Monday-Thursday

We will spend our first half term focusing on column addition and subtraction. We will move onto exploring place value in depth including comparing, ordering and rounding numbers 4- and 5-digit numbers.

Children will also cover a lesson each week on time. This will include reading and writing the time from the 12 hour and 24-hour clock. We will be converting units of measure and solving one and two step time problems including reading bus and train tables.

History:

In history this half term we will be looking at the key question 'how and why have human homes, communities and survival methods changed over thousands of years?' We will look in depth at Skara brae and Maiden Castle and what we can learn from these historical sites.

Science This half term, our unit of work will be on living things and their habitats. We will learn how living things can be grouped in certain ways and explore and use classification keys to help identify and group a variety of living things. We will also consider how environments can change and how this can pose a danger to some living things. We will be studying the scientist Sir David Attenborough.

Art

This half term we will be looking at improving our painting skills. We will be focusing on the artist Jackson Pollock. We will study cave painting and explore how natural products produce pigments to make different colours.

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As a reminder, the children will be taught by Mrs Mills Monday – Wednesday pm and Mrs Bennett Wednesday pm – Friday. We are also lucky to have Mrs England lead our PE on a Wednesday afternoon.

French: In French we will be learning about days of the week, months of the year and basic conversational skills.

Homework:

Children need to read 4 times each week and also learn their spellings. A homework task is set each half term – this is optional.

Spellings:

These will be given out on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.

Computing:

Our computing this half term is called "Quizzing" and we will be learning about the process of designing and creating interactive quizzes. We will use our online platform, Purple Mash for this.

RE:

In RE, we will be exploring why there are several holy books and not just one. This exciting topic will take us on a quest as we investigate, explore and ask and answer questions about holy books and the impact of these on many people.

PE:

P.E lessons will take place on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Please ensure that, on these days, children come to school in full school PE kit with appropriate footwear. Thank

Music:

This half term there will be a focus on musical contrasts and developing confidence in instrumental performance.