



Welcome to Mandela Class' first class newsletter. This half term, we will be settling back into school life with a focus on team building and bonding as a class. We will also award children the long awaited Librarian, Captain, Head Boy and Head Girl positions. In addition to this, some of the children will be developing friendships with the youngest members of the school as they take on their role of being a Buddy.

As you can see, we have a lot of fantastic learning ahead of us this half term. In order to get a glimpse of what the children have been up to in the first few weeks, you are invited to a curriculum open evening on Monday 16th

Maths

In maths this half term, we have been focussing on the notion of place value, involving numbers up to ten million. In addition to this, the children will begin the process of becoming experts in identifying prime numbers, common factors, multiples and will be able to square and cube numbers with ease. Before moving onto long multiplication and division.

RE:

This term, we are going to focus on several religious standpoints on life's big questions. We will explore how different religions tell us how to live our lives and examine if this is possible in the modern world. We will then create our own hopes and visions for the world we live in.

Science:

This half term, the children will become biologists where they will unpick the human life cycle and the changes we go through in life before moving onto exploring the circulatory systems. The children will obtain a basic understanding of the function of: blood, blood vessels and valves. The children will also represent blood's components in a blood curdling experiment.

History:

As historians we will delve into the ancient civilisation of the Mayans to discover how the past has influenced life today. We will begin with discovering where and why the Mayan people settled in certain areas before moving onto delving into their amazing style of architecture without today's modern machinery. The children will compare and contrast Mayan life to that of a Viking and then of life as we know it today.

English:

This term we are going to begin our writing journey using the historical fiction book, 'When the Sky Falls' as inspiration. This half term, the children will produce: setting descriptions, letters and a diary entry. With every lesson, the children will learn a new element of grammar and punctuation which will aid children with their future examinations. In addition to this we will focus on our spoken grammar to promote good writing outcomes.

Computing:

In a world full of technology, we are going to focus on how to be safe and responsible digital citizens through our online safety unit. We will learn what an online reputation means and how our actions online today can impact our futures. The children will study the affects of social media use and how to ensure your mental health isn't affected.

PE:

The children will continue their swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoon, where they will aim to master swimming standards from the National Curriculum.

At school, the children will develop their fitness in circuit style lessons where they will monitor their progress using mathematical knowledge.

PSHE & RE:

In PSHE, we are focussing on the following themes: friendships, toxic friendships, bullying, respect, self-respect, challenging stereotypes and dealing with grief. These lessons will be handled with sensitivity and care.

Music:

Are the children the next big music makers? This half term, the children will begin to learn musical notation. The children will learn to identify the names of notes, how to draw them and understand whether the note has a higher or lower pitch before they create their own 8 bar set of music.

Class messages: I'd like to start the first class message with a class proverb, "We will open a book. Its pages are blank. We are going to write our own story. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter begins today."

Important dates to remember:

1. Wednesday 18th September— Author (Katherine Rundell) Online Meet
2. Friday 20th September—Animal Regulation in school visit.
3. Monday 23rd—Wednesday 25th September —Year 6 PGL Winmarleigh Residential Trip
4. Tuesday 15th October— Individual School Photo Day
5. Monday 21st—Tuesday 22nd October - Parents Evening