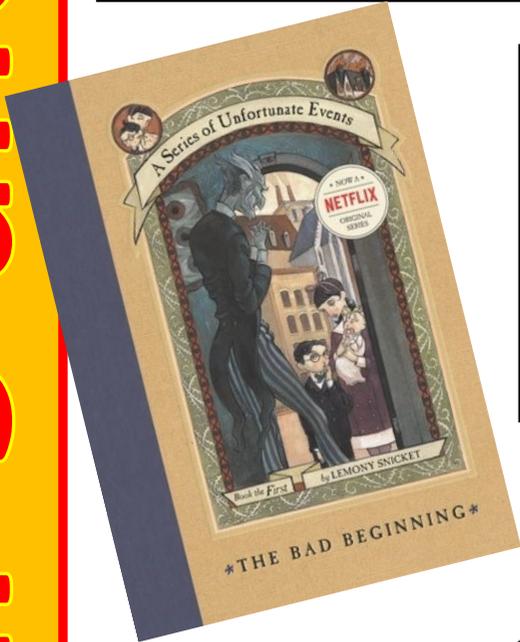


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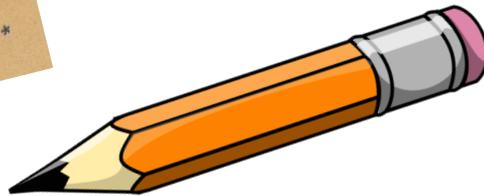
Spring 2018

Curriculum Letter

We hope the following information will be helpful and provide you with an overview of the curriculum in our class this term.



In **English** at the beginning of this term, our focus will be on Grammar. We will then move on to newspaper writing and creative story writing. We will be joined by a third year teaching student, Miss Evans, who will then be teaching the children and will centre her English lessons on the Lemony Snicket text 'A Series of Unfortunate Events'. Through this text, the children will work on composing and structuring writing of different genres as well as continuing to proof read and edit their work. Children will take part in whole class and individual reading sessions including story, poetry and non-fiction texts.



In **Maths** the children will be consolidating their understanding of advanced written and mental strategies in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, both with whole numbers and decimals. In addition to this, the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimal and percentages. The children will be continuing to learn their times tables in Maths lessons each day and it would be beneficial if these can be reinforced at home.

The **Science** topic at the beginning of the term is forces. The children will be looking at air resistance, water resistance and friction. Later in the term, the children will be studying the properties of materials and will be devising investigations to explain changes of materials.

The **Art** this term will be linked to our Geography topic on Settlements. The children will be studying a selection of artists including Gauguin and Lowry and replicating their style of art using a range of mediums. Sessions will be taught by Mrs Way.

In **Geography** the children will be understanding key aspects of human Geography. Including:

- types of settlement and land use,
- economic activity including trade links,
- the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

In **German** lessons, children will understand about linguistic diversity in their class and that German is spoken in Germany, as well as elsewhere. They will learn how to greet each other, reply to questions, how they are and age, how to introduce members of their family, understand and use nos. 1-10 and be familiar with the phoneme sound **au** and **ch** and learn the alphabet in German.

Children will be taking part in **PE** twice a week. One lesson will be games and one lesson will be dance. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, including a warm tracksuit for outside (all labelled!).

Dr Price, the Chair of Governors, will be teaching the children Storytelling Coding during the **Computing** sessions on a Tuesday afternoon.

The **RE** unit will be taught as a block this half term and will focus on the key question 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'

We are joined this term by Alice Evans a third year University of Worcester teaching student who will be teaching the class. Mrs Hughes has become the Year 5 and 6 Higher Level Teaching Assistant and will regularly be carrying out interventions with children during the afternoons. Children will be given homework regularly, so please check their homework books. This half term, Maths homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned on Wednesday. English homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned on Monday. Each homework should take 10-20 minutes. Spellings will be given out every Wednesday and the children will be tested the following Monday. Children will read at school regularly. Please continue to read at home and record reading in reading diaries. As a result of regular reading at home, the children will be rewarded accordingly in school through an activity of their choice. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss, no matter how small.

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