

<p>English</p> <p>Little Wandle phonics lessons with consistent delivery will continue 4 days a week. This will ensure all of our pupils continue to make progress in their understanding of sounds and letters.</p> <p>This half term we are reading ‘The Dark?’ by Lemony Snicket, where our writing focus linked to the text will be imaginative stories. We will be using our imagination and writing our own stories! Next, we will read ‘The Rhythm of the Rain’ by Grahame Baker-Smith with the focus of our writing being an information text. This will enable us to learn about non-fiction writing.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>In maths this half term we are building on our knowledge of number, whilst also introducing addition and subtraction. Initially, pupils will be practising counting and recognising numerals, and adding more with practical resources and requesting when more is needed.</p> 	<p>PSHE</p> <p>This half term our topic is ‘Respect.’ We are going to be learning about the similarities and differences in our community and how everyone should be treated equally and with respect. We will be learning about respectful and disrespectful behaviours and how we can be more respectful through practical activities and role play.</p>
<p>Geography</p> <p>This term we will be learning all about Human Geography. We begin the term by looking at towns, such as Dudley. We will be identifying key features of a town, both on community visits and using maps and aerial images. We will then move onto looking at rural locations such as the countryside. We will identify features of a countryside, again using maps and aerial images. We will then begin to learn about the differences between towns and the countryside.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2024 (First Half Term) Red Class</p> 	<p>Computing</p> <p>Our topic on ‘digital writing’ begins this half term. We will be using computers and laptops to practise using both a mouse and a keyboard. We will be practising recognising and finding keys on a keyboard and then using them to add and remove text.</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>Our weekly session will be a Charanga block ‘In the groove’ where we will be recognising different instruments and understanding a pulse. We will also be sharing preferences regarding different pieces of music.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>In Science, we will be learning about rocks and fossils. We will begin this topic by exploring different types of rocks, their textures and appearance. We will then look at how different rocks are formed and their properties. We will be working scientifically to perform simple tests on different rocks and moulding our own fossils before visiting Wren’s Nest Nature Reserve, where we will be acting as Geologists to look for fossils!</p>	<p>Art and Design</p> <p>This half term we will be learning about colour mixing and the artist Alma Thomas, who loved using bright colours to make her happy. Therefore, we will be learning about the primary and secondary colours and how you make them, and the different feelings a colour might represent. We will then be continuing to develop our skills using a paintbrush to make a piece of artwork in the style of Alma Thomas.</p>
<p>Horticulture</p> <p>This half term we will continue to focus on Planting, Cropping and Maintenance. We will explore the different types of plants and their parts. We will also look at seeds and bulbs and explore how they aren’t all the same.</p>	<p>Engagement and Community Visits</p> <p>Community visits linked to the curriculum will continue each week. They will be linked to Science, History, Horticulture, Maths, Art and PSHE.</p> <p>We will also continue with regular visits to the local library (which will happen throughout the year). Look out for an invitation to join us to read with your child.</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>Our games-based PE lesson this term is based on Tennis. We will be exploring how to hold a racquet correctly, whilst practising balancing a bean bag or tennis ball. We will also be exploring Dance, where we will learning and practising various movements before creating our own dance routine.</p>
	<p>RE</p> <p>This half term RE will be a focused week at the end of Spring 1. We will be learning about ‘Why Pesach is celebrated?’</p>	