

Curriculum newsletter for SS,TF and SRJ

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Numeracy

This term is another busy one in Numeracy. The children are working hard in their new Numeracy groups and we will be covering lots more work on the four rules of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. It is very important that this term the children learn their tables and we will be sending home work to help support you when working with your children on this.

It is important when you are working with the children to remember they need to learn both the multiplication and the division. E.g.

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$12 \div 3 = 4$$

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We then move onto multiplying using partitioning

$$23 \times 4$$

$$20 \times 4 = 80$$

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$92$$

Then onto grid method

X	20	3
4	80	12

$$80 + 12 = 92$$



Special sessions!

SS, SRJ and RH are also lucky enough to be having some special teaching sessions. This half term Class SRJ will be learning French with Madame Bond from Catshill Middle School and all of the children will be learning football and basketball skills with a specialist PE coach. SS will be enjoying sessions with Kidderminster Harriers where the focus is health education through fitness.

Our topic this half term is

PLAYLIST!



Welcome back to the second half term! We are starting our learning with a topic called Playlist where the children will have the opportunity to engage with all things sound and music! If any of you play any musical instruments please let us know as we would love you to come into school and show us your talents.

Again, we have included a variety of ideas in the home learning projects which always inspire the children to engage with their learning at home with your support. Please take the opportunity to see some examples of the fabulous pieces of Ancient Greece homework produced by the children last half term; they are on display in the main entrance and school foyer.

Literacy



Our main focus with writing in KS2 is selecting effective vocabulary and writing for an audience. We will be starting off our topic by listening to a range of different types of music, going on a sound walk and using the vocabulary generated to write poetry in the style of *The Sound Collector* by Roger McGough. Playscripts and their features, analysing song lyrics and writing lyrics all feature with this topic. The children will be writing and performing a class song and designing posters to advertise the singing event!

They will be finishing off the topic by putting together information leaflets about their favourite artists. Be prepared for much talk at home about One Direction, Katy Perry and Bars and Melody! There should be a respite from the songs from Frozen!

Topic

In topic this term we are going to be exploring different types of music and musical instruments. Will be investigating a range of musical instruments and thinking about how they are made and produce sounds. The children will also be designing and making their own musical instruments from recycled items.

A number of musicians will be coming in to perform for the children from a range of musical genres and cultures. To finish the topic the children will be creating their own class song which will also include the instruments they will be making in class.

The focus for Science this half term is sound and how we hear different sounds. The children will be learning new vocabulary associated with sound such as pitch and frequency and they will have the opportunity to make instruments that have a varied pitch. As always in Science we emphasise learning through the children finding out for themselves by planning and investigating a range of questions.



Unlocking the learning at home....There are many ways in which you can help your child at home. For example, you can get involved with their homework heroes, hear them read regularly and help them learn their times tables. Remember, your child needs to complete at least one of the homework heroes ideas.