

Year 3/4 Newsletter – Autumn Term

Literacy

This term we will focus on producing handwriting that is of a consistently high standard. We will spend time each day looking at punctuation and grammar fundamentals. We will also be starting a new literacy curriculum tied to Commando Joes.

Numeracy

We will review our knowledge from last year and check our understanding of the number system, place value and the four mathematical operations used in KS2.

After that we will be focusing on addition and subtraction followed by multiplication and division at the end of the term. We will also be practising times tables daily.

Science

Science will be very exciting this term! All of our science lessons will be linked to the Commando Joe's mission the children are currently on. Providing them with a practical context for their learning. We will first be learning to classify animals and exploring how humans have impacted on the environment. After that, we will be learning about the digestive system, teeth and food chains.



Computing

This term we will be introducing computer networks, looking at devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches. The unit concludes with learners discovering the benefits of connecting devices in a network.

Religious Education

First, we will look at the 'Big Frieze'. This takes the 'Big Story' of the Bible and breaks it down into smaller steps. We will then be looking at each one in detail so we have an overarching view of the Bible.



Geography

Our focus for Geography will be centred around the Himalayas. Again, this will be tied to the Children's current Commando Joe mission. We will be looking at locational and place knowledge, followed by human and physical geography.

Music

In Music, all the learning will be focused around the song: Three Little Birds - a reggae song.

Design and Technology

This term, we will start by looking at bridge designs and how they are constructed to support heavy loads. We will then move onto constructing towers that are earthquake proof.

Physical Education

On Tuesday afternoon our class will be going to Willowburn for Swimming. On Thursdays, children will need to come in their PE kit.



Homework

Homework will be set each Friday. This homework will be handed in for marking on Wednesday. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.



Commando Joe's

CO-JO's have a massive emphasis on their RESPECT (Resilience, Empathy, Self-awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Team-work) framework. Through CO-JO's, children will learn about a number of exciting topics based on amazing characters and aspects of their life stories. Significant heroes/heroines, explorers and adventurers have been identified to support children's understanding of these essential life skills. Each topic will have a set of missions tied to it. Children will work through the week to build up the knowledge they need to carry out these missions.

