

# CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



## ENGLISH

### Reading

We will be reading Varjak Paw as our class text, focussing on the vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarizing.

### Writing

We will be writing our own poems linked to our PSHE topic on hopes and dreams.

We will also read a variety of newspaper articles to inspire us to write our own.

### Spellings

We will continue to work on spelling rules and using our knowledge of phonics to support our independent writing.

### SPAG

We will be focussing on accurate use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

We will also use inverted commas and know where to use commas to write speech.

We will use apostrophes for possession and contraction.

## IMPORTANT DATES

PE: Tuesdays and Thursdays

ST MICHAEL'S C of E  
YEAR 4  
SPRING HALF TERM 1 2024  
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NEWSLETTER

## DEAR PARENT

Happy New Year!

I hope this leaflet gives you an idea of the topics we will be studying this half term along with the knowledge and skills we will be focussing on.

Please continue to listen to your child read as frequently as possible. Team tokens will continue to be awarded to children who have their reading records signed each day.

It would be helpful if children didn't wear earrings on Tuesdays and Fridays to avoid them have to remove them for P.E.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Atkinson and Mrs Smillie

## Recommended Reading for Pleasure

The Works- Pie Corbett

Any compilation of poems by Paul Cookson

First News (Junior Newspaper)

Cliff Hanger – Jacqueline Wilson

Lizzie Dripping – Helen Cresswell

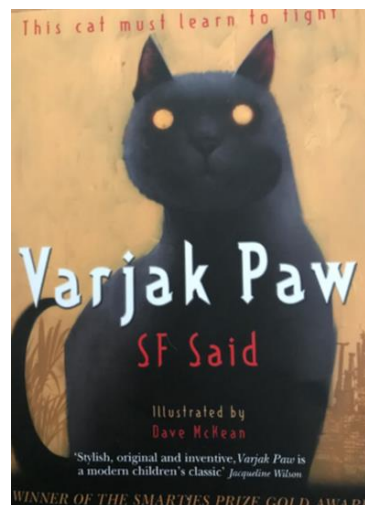
The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy

Desirable – Frank Cottrell Boyce

Horrible Histories, Rotten Romans – Terry Deary

Horrible Geography – Anita Ganeri



## MATHS

We will continue to use TTRockstars to improve our speed, recall and accuracy of multiplication and division facts. SOUNDCHECK

We will multiply 2 digits by 1 digit as well as 3 digits by 1 digit.

We will divide 2 digits and by digit.

We will be finding the area of rectilinear shapes.

We will draw fractions of shapes and use the words numerator and denominator.

We will find equivalent fractions.

We will add and subtract fractions using diagrams to support our understanding.

Our KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) this half term is the 9 and 11 times table facts, including the related division facts.

We will use our mathematical knowledge to solve problems, working with others to explain and prove our reasoning.

## ART

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know that adding white creates a tint whilst adding black creates a shade.

We will know how to make our work appear 3 dimensional (3D).

We will know how to use paint carefully and effectively.

### Super Skills:

We will mix paint to create a range of shades and tints.

We will be able to show proportion in our work.

We will arrange our own composition to create a final piece.

## RE

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know that Christians believe Jesus is God's son.

We will know that Jesus has power and authority over nature, sickness and death.

We will know the stories of people who have campaigned for justice.

### Super Skills:

We will be able to retell Bible stories linked to Jesus.

We will make links between the bible stories and what Christians believe about Jesus.

We will be able to talk about why some people choose to speak out against authority and justice.

## COMPUTING

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to change the composition of an image.

We will know positive and negative effects that retouching can have on an image.

and that not all images are real.

### Super Skills:

We will be able to describe ways people can make themselves look different online.

We will choose appropriate tools to retouch an image.

We will sort images into 'fake' or 'real' and explain my choices.

## SCIENCE

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.

We will know that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled

We will know how evaporation and condensation are linked in the water.

### Super Skills:

We will be able to measure or research the temperature at which evaporation and condensation happen in degrees Celsius (°C)

We will know how to conduct a fair experiment.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



### HOPE, COURAGE & ENDURANCE

Christian hope is a hope rooted in the love and faithfulness of God. Hope is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon.



*'To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.'*

Hebrews 11:1

## PE

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to use movement to convey emotions, feelings and characters.

We will know how to control our breath to relax in yoga.

### Super Skills:

We will remember and repeat actions to create dance ideas in response to a stimulus.

We will use actions, dynamics, spacing and timing to relate to a theme.

## MUSIC

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to care for instruments.

We will know what rap music sounds like.

We will know the origin of rap music.

### Super Skills:

We will learn and perform a rap.

We will evaluate our own and others performances.

We will keep a steady beat.

## PSHE

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to make a new plan and set new goals even if we have been disappointed.

We will know how to work out the steps we need to take to achieve a goal.

We will know how to work as part of a successful group.

### Super Skills:

We will have a positive attitude.

We will identify what resilience is.

We will be able to cope with disappointment.

We will enjoy being part of a group challenge.

## FRENCH

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to ask a partner a question 'Aimes-tu...?'

We will know French words to help us when we shop.

### Super Skills:

We will greet and respond to a partner.

We will ask and answer questions.

We will take part in a role play speaking French.