Ellistown Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Mason Class – Autumn 1



English

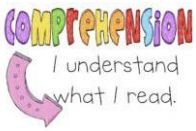
This half term, we will be focusing on the rules governing punctuation and grammar, with a focus on applying these effectively. This will help to support the accuracy and development of our writing throughout the year.

Children will be able to apply and showcase their learning in an interesting piece of writing about planets, which links to our science topic on space.





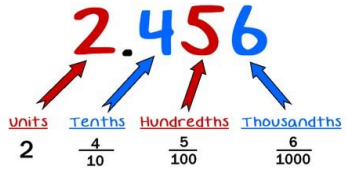
We will read every day in class during ERIC (Everybody Reading in Class) time and will also have regular whole class comprehension lessons. Our main, current class Book is Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.



Maths

In maths this half term, we are learning about decimal fractions, including tenths, hundredths, and thousandths. The children will explore how to represent these as decimals, fractions, mixed numbers, and improper fractions.

We will also practise rounding to the nearest whole number and tenth, comparing and ordering numbers with up to three decimal places, and using column addition and subtraction to solve problems.



Throughout these topics we will continue to work on problem solving and reasoning skills, refining our use of accurate language in order to explain our thinking.

Humanities and Science

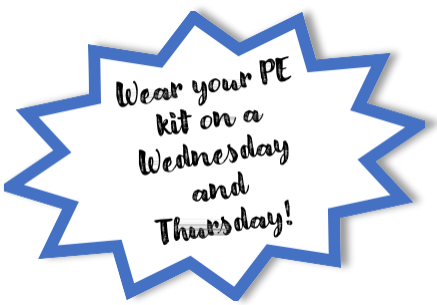
Our Science unit is about Earth and space. We will learn about how we know the Earth is a sphere, be able to name the planets in the solar system and find out how long it takes the planets in our Solar System to orbit the Sun. We will also find out why there is day and night.

We begin an interesting new Geography study: Rivers, in which we will learn about the features of a river at each course and the specific features that can form. On our trip to Bradgate Park, we will use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using various methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.

We have sent copies of the Knowledge Organisers home for these subjects. They include the key information and vocabulary for every lesson, and we hope you will enjoy reading these together.







Healthy Living

P.S.H.E.

During PSHE sessions, we will be developing ground rules for our class and exploring what they mean in practice. We will be exploring the themes of new beginnings and what it means to belong. This will include through considering a range of different situations and talking about emotions.

P.E.

In our P.E. lessons this term, we are doing Pilates and rugby. In Pilates, we will focus on developing core strength, balance and flexibility, while in rugby, we will learn and practice passing and receiving skills, teamwork and improve our game strategies.



Homework

At Ellistown this year, our homework will be **SMART**.

Spellings - The children will have a copy of their half-termly spelling list on Dojo, which we encourage them to work on at home, choosing a few words a week to practice and challenge themselves on.

Maths - This year, children will continue to have access to Times Table Rockstars to practice their times tables on

And

Reading

Together - We encourage children to read as often as possible at home with their adults or alone.

We encourage the children to put a picture on Dojo when they start a new book!





French

Firstly, we will recap greetings and enjoy singing songs to revise names of body parts, for example. In our unit, 'Getting to know you', we will be applying previous skills We will learn how to express emotions and talk about the future.

R.E.

We will be discussing the question: 'What does it mean for Christians to believe that God is holy and loving?' This will include making connections between how biblical ideas and teaching about God as holy and loving might make a difference in the world today.

Art

In our Chromatic unit in art, we will learn about the seven elements of art and portraiture. Children will revise how to use water colour paints and will create a self-portrait using a collage, taking inspiration from the styles of Noor Bahjat and Samuel Joseph Brown Jr.

Music

In music this term, we will be focusing on a sea shanty called *What shall we do with the drunken sailor.* We will be developing our listening and composition skills.

Spellings

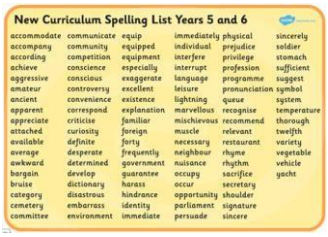
In our spelling lessons, we will be learning about how words are built and how each part of a word creates meaning and how these parts can be combined to build new words or make sense of existing ones. They will begin to make links between how a word looks, how it sounds and what it means.

This term, we will learn about consonants and vowels, compound words and numeral bases.

Spelling test

From the Year 5/6 Spelling List, the children will be assigned 10 spellings each half term, which they will be tested on at the end of the half term.

The list of the spellings to be tested will be sent out on Dojo for you to practise at home.


New Curriculum Spelling List Years 5 and 6

accommodate	communicate	equip	immediately	physical	sincerely
accompany	community	equipped	individual	prejudice	soldier
according	competition	equipment	interfere	privilege	stomach
achieve	conscience	especially	interrupt	profession	sufficient
aggressive	conscious	exaggerate	language	programme	suggest
amateur	controversy	excellent	leisure	pronunciation	symbol
ancient	convenience	existence	lightning	queue	system
apparent	correspond	explanation	marvellous	recognise	temperature
appreciate	criticise	familiar	mischievous	recommend	thorough
attached	curiosity	foreign	muscle	relevant	twelfth
available	definite	forty	necessary	restaurant	variety
average	desperate	frequently	neighbour	rhyme	vegetable
awkward	determined	government	nuisance	rhythm	vehicle
bargain	develop	guarantee	occupy	sacrifice	yacht
bruise	dictionary	harass	occur	secretary	
category	disastrous	hindrance	opportunity	shoulder	
cemetery	embarrass	identity	parliament	signature	
committee	environment	immediate	persuade	sincere	

