



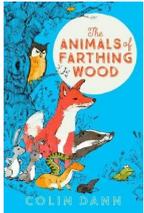
Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter



Punctuality Reminder

It is essential that the children are **on time for school** and arrive for their given time slot as this is when their school day begins.

For children arriving before 9am, we complete our 'Doodle tasks' which are an important part of our learning. For those children who arrive in a later slot, their Doodle time continues or begins at 2:40pm which is why children are unable to leave before their given time slot. Last term, several children missed their Doodle tasks as they arrived late which means they have missed part of their school day. The children are awarded Class Dojo points for the completion of their tasks and are keen to complete these but some don't have time as they arrive too late, please ensure your child arrives on time.



The Circle of Life!

Our novel for the coming half term is 'The Animals of Farthing Wood' by Colin Dann which focuses on animals to link our Science and English work. We will be reading the novel as a whole class and exploring the themes within the story and exploring these themes in our comprehension

During writing lessons with Mrs Kidd, the children will use the themes from the novel and animals to write a non chronological report and a short story. The children will continue to develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

Maths

This half term we will be learning to:

- ◆ Identify the value of digits in a decimal number
- ◆ Multiply decimal numbers by whole numbers
- ◆ Calculate divisions where the answer has up to 2 decimal places
- ◆ Solve problems which include the calculation of a percentage of an amount or measure
- ◆ Develop our understanding of simple algebra by solving one and two step equations

We will focus on developing our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills to show a full understanding of what we have learnt.

If your child is absent due to COVID-19, it is essential that they complete their online learning every day. The work set online is linked directly to what we are completing in class and will stop your child from missing out on their important learning. The work they complete must be shared on our Class Dojo page in the portfolio section every day and it will be marked and returned. The work missed will not be completed again when your child returns.



Geography

In our Humanities lessons this half term, the children will be learning about the different aspects of physical geography. This work will make clear links to our Science and Design and Technology work over the coming half term. The children will be learning about climate zones, biomes, rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and the water cycle. The children will focus on the location of these different elements around the world and how they impact the habitats found in different climate zones of the world.



Science

Our Science topic this half term is based on the classification of animals, plants and micro-organisms. We will also be thinking about how animals adapt to their surroundings as we make links to our Geography and Design and Technology work.



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As a class, we are focusing on developing our times tables skills. The children are expected to know their tables facts to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4— many of the children in class struggle to access their maths work as they don't know their times tables. Your child has a username and password for ttrocks and I would encourage you to allow them to use this at home to develop their skills. Perhaps they could spend ten minutes using this before they spend their time on their other electronics as a way of encouraging them to learn their tables!



Design and Technology

Our Design and Technology work makes clear links to our Science and Geography learning. The children will research the habitats found in different climate zones and how the animals living their adapt to their surroundings. The children will then design and build a habitat for an animal in a certain part of the world. They must use their research to make suitable habitats.



PSHE

We will continue our daily PSHE lessons this half term focusing on different themes such as friendships, relationships, growth and fixed mindset. We will also continue on our Young Leaders journey thinking about being leaders and developing a community based project.



Focus Curriculum Driver

This half term we will thinking about our rights and the rights of others. We will think about developing friendships and supporting each other through our learning and play.



All children must leave their PE kit in school for the full half term to enable to them to join in fully during PE lessons. We are unable to share spare PE kits due to Covid-19 guidelines.