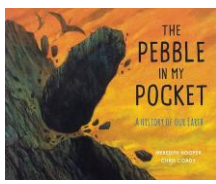
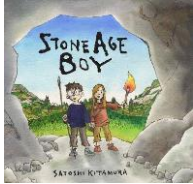


English

This term's English will be slightly different to last term. We will be spending our time learning about 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar' to develop our punctuation and grammar skills. We will have three key focuses:

Focus 1: Nouns Focus 2: Verbs Focus 3: Subject and Verb

Key texts for this half term:



Writing unit 1: Mammoth information text

Our reading week develops the following skills

Lesson 1: vocabulary and retrieval.

Lesson 2: retrieval, ordering and summarizing.

Lesson 3 and 4 inference.

Lesson 5: language and inference.

We are always focusing on developing children's fluency when reading aloud.

Ideas for support at home:

- Read regularly with your child. Read to them so that they can hear what good reading sounds like and get them to read aloud to you.
- Identify effective vocabulary and think of synonyms (other words which mean the same)
- Discuss how the characters are feeling and how you know.
- Discuss what characters are like and get children to identify the evidence.
- Ask them to summarise what they have read independently.



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This gives you an overview of what your child will be learning in school this half term and ideas of how to support them with their learning at home.

Science

Our topic this half term is Rocks where children will be able to answer - What is under our feet?

During this topic, children will be taught to

- Know there are three different types of rock, sedimentary, metamorphic and sedimentary.
- They will look at the physical properties of the rocks and test their strength and permeability.
- They will have a chance to handle small samples of rocks such as sandstone, granite and marble.
- They will also learn how fossils are formed.

Ideas for support at home:

- Create a rock cycle worksheet
- Go out for a rock walk and see what different types of rocks you can spot
- Bake your own trace fossils. Follow your favourite biscuit recipe. Before you bake the biscuits, use a small plastic toy dinosaur (or other animal) to make footprints in the dough.
- Research Mary Anning, the original fossil hunter

Maths

Place value

Numbers up to 1000: read, write, order, compare and know the value of each digit through partitioning.

Count from 0 in multiples of 50 and 100.

Find 10 more or 100 less than any given number.

Addition and Subtraction

Add and subtract a 3 digit number and 1's, 10's and 100's mentally.

Use formal written method of column addition/subtraction for 3 digit numbers with and without an exchange.

Multiplication

Count from zero in multiples of 2, 5 and 10

Complete weekly timetables worksheets

Ideas for support at home

- Keep practicing your child's timestables up to 12 x 12 (TT Rockstars will help with this).
- Play hit the button online on topmarks to support with their timestables
- Practise key written column addition and subtraction
- Carry out practical activities e.g. playing shopkeepers with real money to get children to practice their mental calculations.

RHE Jigsaw

Being Me in My World

In this unit children will think about the year ahead, how to help others feel welcome, how to make our school community a better place and think about everyone's right to learn.

Support your child at home by discussing their goals and regularly giving them opportunities to talk about any challenges. Talk about how to work well with others and how to show we care for each other.



RE

What do people believe about God? (Christianity)

- Explore ideas about God for themselves and to consider what that might mean to Christians.
- Asking questions to help understand God
- Exploring what Christians believe about God and how they respond to God

Support your child by talking about the importance of prayer in your own life. You can visit ST. Peter's Church in Wolverhampton, which is open from 11-2 Mon-Fri.

MFL – French

I am Learning French – J'apprends le Français (E)

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- find France on a map and be able to recall at least 1 Francophone country.
- use key greetings.
- ask and answer the question 'How are you?' in French.
- ask and answer the question 'What is your name?'
- count to 10 in French.
- read, write, say and recognise 10 colours in French.



Computing

Connecting

Children develop their understanding of computer systems and explain how digital devices function. They learn to identify input and output devices and recognise how they can change the way we work. They also look at how a computer network can be used to share information.

Talk to your child at home about searching the internet safely.



Games : Game Sense : Game Sense Invasion

The focus of the learning is to introduce pupils to scoring and the importance of being accurate when aiming at a target.

Pupils will apply their prior learning of passing, moving and creating space, to move the ball up the playing area, creating an attack that results in a scoring opportunity.



Music

Let your spirit fly by Joanna Mangona

Children will listen to and appraise a range of RnB, reggae and pop songs. They will learn the notes D, E and F on the Glockenspiel to accompany their singing.

Listen to these other songs with your child :

- Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin.
- You Gotta Be by Des'ree
- Lean on Me by Bill Withers
- Respect by Aretha Franklin



Special Focus Over the half term, in addition to work in lessons, we will also be focusing on the following things.

- Monday 15th September: After school clubs start this week.
- Friday 19th September 2pm: Merridale Marathon – parents, carers and family are invited to attend.
- Wednesday 1st October: Black History Month celebration day
- Thursday 2nd October: Special lunchtime menu today
- WB 6th October (and for the next 3 weeks): Pop Up swimming pool in school – lessons for Year 3-6 children daily for 3 weeks.
- Wednesday 8th October 3.30-7pm: Meet the Teacher meetings (appointment only)
- Friday 10th October: Food Bank Friday collection for The Well, Wolverhampton
- Monday 13th October: Year 1-6 Golf experience day
- Monday 20th October: Diwali celebration day

Share your learning

Either bring your work into school and share it with your teacher and class or email it to the school office.

office@merridale.lwp.school

History, geography, art and DT are taught through a topic-based approach. Information about your child's current topic will be sent home at the start of each new topic.