

Maths

This term the children will begin learning about fractions. This includes understanding what a numerator and denominator are. They will order, add and subtract unit and non-unit fractions and understand equivalence in fractions.

The children will also be exploring mass and capacity, learning to read scales with varying intervals. They will use grams and kilograms, millilitres and litres to record and solve problems with mass and capacity.

English

The children will begin this topic by looking at examples of fact files and learning about their features. They will also learn about the features of newspaper reports and use Talk4Writing to create a report about a natural disaster. Finally, the children will learn about the types of letter writing and their features before writing a letter to Mary Anning.

In guided reading, the children will be continuing to read chapter books to develop their fluency and comprehension.

In SPaG lessons, they will be exploring the use of speech marks and tenses to express the past, present and future in writing.

Geography/Science

This term the children will explore the composition of the Earth, including tectonic plates and soil.

The children will explore how the physical geography of the planet leads to volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes.

In science, the children will look at different types of rocks and their uses.

They will also learn about Mary Anning and her role in fossil hunting.

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Spanish

This term, the children will be introduced to three new topics: animals, ice cream flavours and clothes.

The children will recap their previous learning in Spanish, including introducing themselves, talking about their families and counting and using colours.

Music

This term the unit is called 'Dragon Song'. This is a song about friendship, respect and kindness.

The children will use their voices to practice singing along to the song and using glockenspiels to accompany their voices.

They will practice finding the beat and following the rhythm of a song and composing their own simple music.

Knowledge and Understanding the World

This term the children will explore the question 'Why are Festivals Important to Religious Communities?' They will consider the Christian festival of Easter, thinking about the symbolism and comparing this to their own celebrations of Easter.

PE

This term the children will be learning Tag Rugby during their P.E sessions.

They will practice throwing, catching, changing direction whilst running and passing during these sessions.

The children will also develop their teamwork skills and begin using simple tactics to score points and win a match.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat into school every day.

PE kits need to be in school every day, ready for PE sessions on Wednesdays.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled and that children are wearing flat, black shoes. If they wear boots to walk to school, they need school shoes to wear during the day.

Reading

Thank you for continuing to read with your child at home every day – encourage your child to sound out words in their head to develop their fluency.

Some children will continue to bring home photocopies of their Phonics reading book every week, please can we ask that these are returned by Friday ready to be swapped for the new ones.

Homework

A new Home Discovery grid will be sent home on Friday, with a new set of activities to choose from linking to this term's topic.

Please ensure that these are returned each week by Thursday so that they can be marked.

Each week, children need to select at least one task to complete.

We thank you for all your support with your child's home learning 😊

Welcome back to another term at Green Park. We hope that you all had a relaxing half term and are ready for another action packed term!

This term the children will learn all about the physical geography of the Earth and natural disasters. They will conclude this topic with a visit to Samphire Hoe where they will be able to examine the rock strata of the white cliffs and hunt for fossils along the coastline.

Thank you for all your continued support at home – remember that class teachers are available on the playground at the end of each day if you need to pass on any messages or check in.

Further support is available by speaking to Mr Carpenter at the gate in the morning, the playground after school or by email: matthew.carpenter@greenpark.kent.sch.uk

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