



Wow, we can't believe we are over halfway through the year! We are very excited for the learning we will be doing this half term and hope that the children are as equally excited and motivated.

We continue to be impressed with the learning attitude demonstrated by the children since the new year, and we look forward to seeing this continue to flourish. This half term is going to be another busy one with lots of exciting things planned, including our residential trip to Grenville House!

This letter will provide you with a brief overview of our learning for this half-term. For a more detailed overview, please see the curriculum area of our website. If you have any questions about any of our learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Maths

Units covered:

Statistics
Shape
Position and Direction

Key learning:

Interpreting different types of graphs and charts
Understanding shape and their properties – in particular using angles to solve problems
Understanding coordinates, reflections and translations

Science

Our unit is Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn about:

- The theory of evolution
- How fossils provide evidence for evolution
- How animals have adapted to suit their environment.

RE

Children will be exploring the question 'What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people?'

Writing

Key Text: Inside the Villains

We will be planning and writing a re-telling of a popular fairy-tale with a focus on the use of dialogue to move on the action and convey character.

Key Text: On the Origin of Species

The children will work towards writing their own non-chronological report about an animal which will link into our Science topic about Evolution and Inheritance.

Geography

Our topic this half term is Rivers. We will be focusing on the River Axe, plotting the journey from mouth to source and learning about the wildlife along the river.

PE

Badminton and OAA

Spanish

We will explore the topics 'At school' and 'The weekend'.

ICT/DT

Children will be learning how to collect and input data onto spreadsheets. Children will also be introduced to using formulas.

Homework

Homework is handed out on a Friday and due in the following Friday – children will complete SATs Buster CGP maths and SPAG practice tests. Reading homework will be set on Google classroom. We also encourage the children to continue enjoying books and quizzing on AR.

PSHE

Our focus will be **Healthy Me**. We will consider how to take responsibility for a physical and mental health, manage our stress and emotions and consider threats to our health.

DT

Save our Rivers STEM project.
We will be designing and making a machine to clean our rivers.