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English:

The Promise

During this half-term, we will be focusing on covering previously learnt grammar and punctuation including the use of apostrophes and commas.

Our class text will be 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies where we will focus on understanding the meaning of new vocabulary and understand different forms of figurative language. We will then create our own sequel based on the ending of *The Promise*.

The Alchemist's Letter

Using *The Alchemist's Letter*, a short video, the children will learn how to write for a persuasive purpose and will produce their own advert.

Spelling: Children will revise the Year 3/4 word list by understanding the meanings of the words and the spelling patterns they follow. They will also secure their accuracy in adding prefixes e.g. un, dis, mis and common homophones.

We also ask that children read at home daily and record their reading using Boom Reader.

Computing: *'We are project planners'*

The children will continue their project of designing their own app for a smartphone or device. This half-term, they will work collaboratively to produce a timeline and research all the resources they will need to be able to create their app.

"Children have the right to an education that should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest."

Article 29—United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Science:

This unit will focus on the circulatory system. The children will learn about the key parts of the body which are involved in the circulatory system such as the heart and blood vessels.

They will then investigate the impact exercise has on our hearts and the negative impacts drugs and alcohol can have on our health.

D.T:

This D.T unit will be on cooking burgers. The children will learn about how we can make healthy options with food by considering the calorie content.

We will then learn how to make different burger patties and the different cooking techniques that could be used. The children will explore different sauces and breads that could be used with a burger before they then create and cook their burgers.

Geography:

This half-term, Geography will be based on rivers.

We will begin with locating major rivers in the U.K and around the world using maps and atlases. The children will then learn about the different sections and features of rivers before understanding the environmental impact of river conservation.

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Home Learning

This half term the children will be set a project linked to our current learning, which they will have a number of weeks to complete.

Throughout the term, children will also be given spelling, grammar and reading tasks to enhance and embed their learning, as well as Math Shed Assignments and rehearsal of their times tables, using Times Table Rockstars.

This home learning will be given out every **Friday** and is due back in school the following **Thursday**, please help your child to remember this.

Please see Mr Longland if you need to use the Kindles/computers to complete your home learning during break or lunch.

Dates for your diary:

8th November—School photos

14th November - Anti-bullying week

22nd & 24th November—parents evenings

8th December—Christmas Fayre

9th December—Year 5/6 STEM day—glider challenge!

The following subjects will be taught discretely:

RE -In RE this term, we will look at Christianity and the messages Jesus taught through the New Testament. We will look at specific Gospels and understand their key messages.

Maths - **all 4 operations and fractions** - This term in maths we will be exploring on using all 4 operations of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. We will look at how we combine these operations in problem-solving contexts using both mental and written methods. We will then develop our understanding fractions and how to add, subtract, multiply and divide them.

French - During this half term, children will be continuing to learn French. They will extend their language around the weekend by learning how to read, speak and write about common interests and hobbies. We will also develop our understanding of telling the time in French.

Jigsaw - The children will be following the PHSCE programme of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Celebrating Me.'

P.E - lessons will be on Monday and Friday afternoons. The children will be focussing on developing their skills of dribbling, passing and shooting before applying this into a game of Hockey. On Friday afternoons, we will be taking part in Forest School. Please remember to bring in appropriate clothing to get changed into for Forest School.

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN COME IN TO SCHOOL IN THEIR P.E KITS ON MONDAY AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR FRIDAY.

Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, but once they have healed they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons.