



Socoa Class - Autumn Term 2020

We are so happy to welcome the children back to school after an unexpected and extended break! Whilst there are some obvious changes in school, hopefully the children will be feeling a little bit of normality by returning to their school routine.

Maths

We will be concentrating on number skills for the first couple of weeks and seeing where the children are. As well as daily maths lessons following units from Hamilton and White Rose, we will also be using Times Table Rockstars, maths shed and IXL. We will have a weekly times table to work on.

English

Reading will be a big focus for us for the first part of the term. The children will have a reading book and a reading diary and are expected to read for at least 15 minutes a day and write it in their diary. **We would like children to read with an adult at least twice a week and for the adult to sign the diary each time.** Spellings are set on Monday each week and are tested on Fridays. The weekly spelling lists can be found on Google Classroom.

Our topic this term is 'Journeys' and the writing in Socoa class is generally linked to the topic. We will be writing instructions on how to be an Anglo-Saxon, discovering the story of Beowulf and writing our own legends, writing historical reports on Lindisfarne, writing a Viking travel blog and using the topic of journeys to write shape poems.

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) is incorporated into the English lessons and, in addition, we will also have a SPaG week in each term where all of the English lessons for that week will be focused on a different element of grammar or punctuation.

Topic

In History and Geography we are studying the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Scots and how they settled in Britain. We will study and compare their settlements in detail, look at their customs and beliefs and find out how the Anglo-Saxons resisted the Viking invasions. We will be using different types of maps from different times to find out where they came from and how they travelled.

RE

During the first half term we will be focusing on Thankfulness and how this links with harvest. Whilst we are unable to have a harvest festival at the Church, we will be celebrating online! In

our RE lessons we will be investigating what the Christian view of God is using evidence from the bible, art and architecture. In the second half of term,

Computing

We will be continuing to use Google Classroom in class and learning to select, use and combine a variety of software to get the content we want. We will learn how to use search engines effectively and how to know if the information we find can be trusted. We will learn how to use technology safely, what is appropriate or inappropriate content and how to report any concerns.

Music

As we have harvest and Christmas this term, we are focusing on performance. We will record our performances and discuss how to improve them. They will learn how to sing in two parts with confidence.

Science

Our science topic this term is Earth in Space. We will be looking at Earth's place in our solar system and working out why we have seasons, day and night, and different climates in different areas. They will gain an idea of how vast space is and what it would be like to live on different planets.

PE

PE will be led by Mr Studd on a Thursday afternoon. Due to the coronavirus, we have been advised to limit the amount of changing, so **children should come to school wearing their PE kits every Thursday.** Unfortunately, if the recreation field becomes wet this term, we will keep PE lessons on the playground or in the hall.

Homework

A week's homework will consist of **reading each day, spelling practice, a task on ixl or maths shed and 20 minutes of Times Table Rockstars.** This is a change from the previous year as we are avoiding as much as possible paper coming to and from school and if we go into a local lockdown the children can continue their routine online.

If there is anything you would like to discuss with me, big or small, please don't hesitate. You can catch me before or after school in the playground, or you can contact the school to arrange an appointment or chat on the phone. I look forward to getting to know you all a bit better throughout the year.

Mrs B