

Vancouver Class Topic Map Spring 1

Happy New Year I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for all the exciting topics and learning planned in for this term. Please have a good read through all the information on this topic map as it will help you support your child with their learning. Having conversations over dinner or on the way to and from school can provide excellent opportunities for you to ask questions about what your child is learning across the curriculum. By answering questions and engaging in discussions, your child will be beginning to master their own knowledge and understanding by recalling their learning.

Maths

This half-term, we will be tackling the quite challenging units of fractions and decimals.

These are quite lengthy units and cover a broad range of skills required in Key Stage 2.

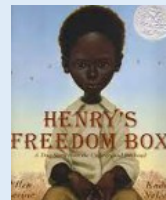
The children will also be able to access additional support with this topic outside of school through Complete Maths Tutor.

We will be using lots of retrieval practice to continue to strengthen our understanding of place value from last term.

English

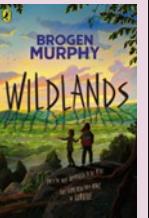
This half-term, we will be writing our own newspaper story inspired by the fantastic text *The Boy in the Tower*. We'll report on key events like journalists, using facts, quotes, and exciting headlines.

The last few weeks of the half term we will be using texts linked to last half term's learning about slavery to write a set of detailed instructions.



Reading

We will be continuing with our Whole Class Reading approach to teaching reading. During dedicated Reading lessons, the children will engage with extracts from a wide range of books. This enables the children to dip their toes into a range of books where we will be focussing on developing inferencing skills.



SPAG

Children will be set spellings to learn each week. These are important steps towards being able to spell the statutory words they will be tested on in Year 6. Therefore, please encourage your child to practise these words regularly so that they feel confident and prepared each week for their spelling test on Monday.

Science

This half term our learning will be focussed on Living Things and Their Habitats.

During this unit, children will compare different life cycles as well as discover how plants reproduce. The end of the unit includes a lesson dedicated to two incredible scientists: Sir David Attenborough and Dame Jane Goodall.

RE

Do people always put their beliefs into action?

Using the case study of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama and its connection to the Welsh artist, John Petts, pupils ask philosophical questions about how beliefs can inspire action - both positively and negatively.

PE

Swimming has now finished for Vancouver Class.

PE will now be on a Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. The children will be developing their teams building skills as well as their dance moves this half-term!

Respect, Aspire, Challenge, Succeed

History

The Industrial Revolution

During this unit, the children will look at the impact that the Industrial Revolution had on the lives of the rich and the poor. The children will not only learn about the economic and technological benefits of the Industrial Revolution but will also explore the social context, with a focus on how life changed for those who began working in factories during this time.

Geography

East Anglia, Yorkshire and The Midlands

This half term, our learning in Geography brings us much closer to home as we look at the topography of East Anglia including the fens as well as learn about other areas of England.



PSHE

Diversity and Communities

This half term we will be focussing on the unit Diversity and Communities. The aim of this unit is to develop children's sense of personal identity and self worth as well as teaching them to consider and respect the needs and views of others.

Computing

Children will be exploring how to use spreadsheets this half term.

Skills will be developed during initial weeks to build confidence and understanding of how to input data into spreadsheets. Then, these skills will be used for real-life scenarios such as using spreadsheets to plan a holiday.

DT

This half-term, the children will have the opportunity to make delicious honey cakes.

Before the fun of making the cakes, we will be learning how bees actually make honey.



French

Children in Vancouver Class will be learning to ask for different foods in French as well as discuss likes and dislikes.

Children will be developing skills to ask for foods as well as write simple instructions to make a sandwich.



Home Learning Expectations

Weekly Maths or English tasks will be set plus one square from the homework grid is to be completed. Please ensure this is handed in by Wednesday at the latest.

Support is available with homework as well as booster sessions (open to Years 5 and 6):

8:20am Monday-Thursday

Brain Booster Club

Thursday 3:20-4:20