

MTP Curriculum Notes

Year 2 – Spring 2017

Topic Work: This term's topic will be all about London and will include a trip to London to visit the Museum of London and the old city walls. Our work will continue to incorporate the subjects of English, Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology. The boys will learn about a variety of aspects of London including its history, transport systems, sports facilities and cultural venues and will be creating their own Power Point presentations. The boys will be expected to research facts about famous Londoners each week for their homework. If you wish to take your son on a trip that is related to our topic, we can suggest taking the tube into London – the boys will be keen to show off their navigation skills!

English: To support our topic work we will continue with weekly reading, phonics, handwriting, grammar and punctuation skills. We will focus on the use of capital letters for proper nouns, adjectives and adverbs and the use of a greater variety of connectives to join clauses within a sentence.

Maths: The boys will be exploring multiplication and division with the following objectives:

To interpret multiplication as the number of groups by the number of items and as repeated addition.

To interpret division as either sharing a number of items equally between a number of groups or as dividing a set of items into groups of a fixed size.

To understand the relationship between division and multiplication or repeated addition and to use multiplication facts to find division facts.

To multiply using skip counting and dot paper in the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x and 10x tables and to commit the tables facts to memory.

To recall division concepts to find either the number of items in each group or the number of groups.

To interpret and represent the 'group and item' concept in multiplication and division worded problems using model drawings.

The boys will continue to progress through our mental maths speed challenges and will also use CAMI to reinforce their learning.

ICT: The boys will be working on both laptops and iPads and will continue to develop their keyboard, mouse and word processing skills. They will be using websites to research information and will create their own PowerPoint presentations related to our topic. They will also be using the CAMI maths programme to support their learning this term especially of the times tables.

RS: The boys will find out about places of religious worship. The boys will also learn more about Chinese New Year and the festivals of Passover and Easter.

P4C: The boys will continue to develop their ability to ask questions and be aware of their own feelings and opinions. They will be listening and responding to the opinions of others through whole class discussion.

French: The boys will be learning about the topics of parts of the body, animals, days of the week and months of the year.

Music: In the first half of term the boys will be studying Prokofiev's composition, Peter and the Wolf. In the second half of term, the boys will be learning to play the glockenspiel, with a focus on rhythm and pitch.

Sport: In their PE lessons, the boys will be introduced to Rounders in the first half of term and Team Building skills in the second half of term. During Games lessons they will develop their football skills through modified games. Please ensure your child has both Astro trainers (any colour) and plimsolls.

Environmental Science: The boys will enjoy regular sessions in the woods which will enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of the natural world and develop their sense of awe and wonder. These sessions will also enable the boys to develop their curiosity, empathy, collaboration, perseverance, risk-taking and independence.

The words of the week this term are: Communication and Collaboration (friendliness, manners, thoughtfulness, fairness, respect, sportsmanship) and Independence (responsibility, organisation, leadership, punctuality, initiative, duty).