

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 3 | Autumn Term 2 | 2021



**Dear Families,
Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you for all of your support so far this term. The children have settled nicely into their new year groups and are working hard. The children will begin some interesting topics. Please see below for details about what children will learn and ways in which you can support your child at home. Science and Geography coverage is outlined on the attached 'Knowledge Organisers'.

This half term, our topic is 'Life in the UK' and we will be focussing our learning around the key question 'What lies beyond our town of Pinner?'

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

We will be exploring the different countries – looking at souvenirs and food. Each classroom will be set up to look like a typical market in the countries capital city.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

Using google expeditions and youtube to transport ourselves to the different countries in the UK.

Our 'Showstopper' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

An E-Travel Book demonstrating their knowledge of the United Kingdom and its features.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be:

Children will share their learning in an E-Travel Book which will be shared via social media with well known travel companies.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts:

- The Big Book of the UK
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Key skills:

- Character descriptions
- Persuasive letters
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Comprehension

Maths:

Key topics:

- Number and Place Value
- Time
- Times Tables
- Measures (weight)
- Angles

Science:

In science we will be learning about forces and magnets. They will learn about how forces and air effect movement of objects

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

Computing: We will using code.org to begin understanding how to code and debug programmes.

Geogrpahy: We will be looking at what life is like in the UK. They will learn facts about the cities and counties. They will also create fact files about each country.

RE: What can we learn from the life of Buddha about being happy?

Design Technology:Children will be designing a travel bag with felt. They will use sewing techniques to secure the bag and add a strap.

PE: Children will be completing their first unit of Dance and footwork and coordination in outdoor PE.

Music: Throughout this jazz topic, all the learning is focused around two tunes and improvising: Bacharach Anorak and Meet the Blues.

PSHE: They will be completing the unit 'celebrating difference'. They will understand how to support others to feel valuable.

Reminders:

PE Days are on a Monday and Wednesday where the children should come into school in their PE kits.

