

Class 2 Termly Topics - Spring 1 2018

This half term's topic is 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.' Where we will be learning about crime and punishment from as far back as the Romans, up until the present day. Class 2 will be having a visit from a police officer, who they will be interviewing, as well as even having their finger prints taken.



HOW YOU CAN HELP: this topic will be brought alive by opportunities to research the gruesome punishments that were given in the past with your child.

Literacy:

We will launch this topic by studying the true story of Dr Crippen, creating wanted posters for this historic criminal. Children will then hone their journalistic skills (questioning and note-taking) to interview PCSO Richards. They will then write their notes up in the form of a news report. Finally, children will be showing how much they have learnt within their topic lessons. By writing and publishing an information poster on crime and punishment throughout history.

Handwriting:

Children have done well to improve their handwriting so far this academic year. We will be continuing to improve our continuous cursive handwriting and we are hoping to see more children receive our prestigious Handwriting Pen Award this half term for excellence in handwriting!

Numeracy:

This half term we will begin by showing our skills in the four operations from the Autumn Term, by answering two step word problems. We will go on to revisit telling the time, and data handling.

Children need to practise their times tables at home on a daily basis if they wish to become a Times Table Titan! Times table tests will be weekly on a Wednesday.

Science:

Children will be focusing on the properties and uses of different materials. They will learn to plan and conduct a fair test as well as how to write up an experiment effectively. We will focus in particular on the thermal and electrical conductivity of various household materials.

ICT:

We will be doing lots of research this half term to support our topic lessons. We will need to discuss and decide which websites, and sources contain accurate and reliable information. We will also be using ICT to publish our final piece of Literacy work.

Topic:

Within our history lessons we will be learning all about the gruesome, and brutal punishments which occurred within the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Tudor time periods. We create a historical timeline, debate scenarios about crimes that were committed, and discuss whether sources are reliable. We will go on to find out about Victorian prisons, and compare them to today.

Music: Class 2 will be receiving specialist music lessons from Ms Judge on a Wednesday morning each week. Ms Judge will be composing villain chase music with the children, using a range of instruments.

Art & Design Technology: This term Class 2 will be working with Emma on a Thursday afternoon to create some artwork linked to the topic. Children will be creating their own bank notes.

Physical Education: Class 2 will be having two slots of PE. On a Monday football with Mrs.Hulse, and hockey on a Friday with Miss.Matthews. Swimming will also continue on a Tuesday.

Religious Education:

We will be learning about Truro Cathedral, its history and importance to Christians in Cornwall. To bring our topic alive, we will take part in a workshop at the Cathedral itself entitled "Whose Head is in the Box?".

French:

Children will be re-visiting and extending their French greetings and learning to count to 100.

Homework:

- ✓ Times table test is weekly on a Wednesday. Spelling test on Monday. Please support your child(ren) with their learning for these tests. Spellings will be stuck in their pink practice book. This book may be used for practicing times tables in as well.
- ✓ BIG Write weekly on a Friday. The BIG Write task is sent home on Thursday evening. Please support your child(ren) with their BIG Talk.
- ✓ Reading - nightly for 15 minutes in Years 4, 5 and 6 and 10 minutes in Year 3. This will ensure that child becomes a confident and able reader.

General:

- ✓ As you know, reading is a key life skill and we want each child to be the best that they can be. Please ensure that you child has their reading book and reading record book in school every day so that we can continue the reading that you do at home, in school as well.
- ✓ Stud earring and watches are the only items of jewellery to be worn in school.
- ✓ Any money brought into school needs to be placed in an envelope and labelled with name and class
- ✓ Eye tests are no longer done at school. They are free so please take your child to the optician to check sight.
- ✓ Clubs - there are a wide variety of clubs. We would like everyone to be involved in at least 1 club. It is a great opportunity to learn new skills and take up new hobbies. All children participating will be able to use this as time towards their Children's University passport. Please ensure that any clubs that your child has participated in after school made know to us as this can also be included.
- ✓ The door opens at 8.45 and children need to be in school no later than 8.50 to ensure a smooth start to the day.
- ✓ The parent's board at the bottom of the stairs has a variety of info on it for you.
- ✓ Please keep your eye on the School website - there are many pictures in the gallery section and the newsletters can always be found there too each week.

WANTED! Are there any parents (or other family members) who can help in school? We would really appreciate any help. Thank you to those who have already offered and are helping to hear readers in the morning.

Please feel free to contact Miss Matthews or Mrs Hulse should you have any further questions about this term's activities in class 2 or how best to support your child's learning.