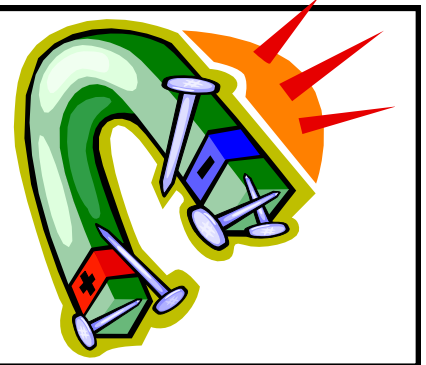
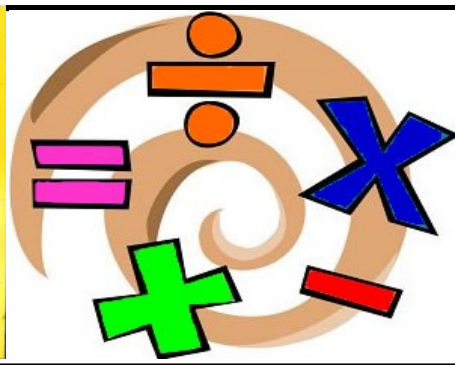
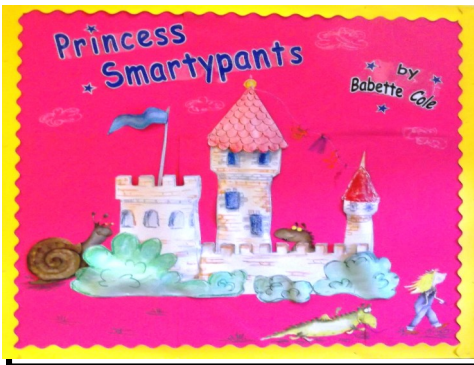
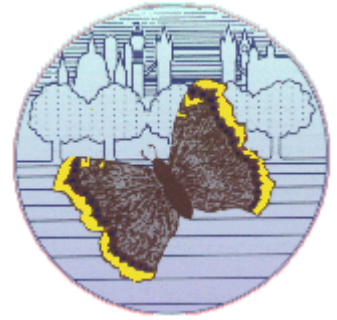


# TERMtalk

CURRICULUM NEWS

FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY– Autumn 2019



## English

The first thing the children will be learning is how to write on the French style paper we use in the Junior School. We have been practicing our joined up handwriting everyday and we are starting to see some lovely results.

Our first topic for the year is based around the book Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole. In Grammar we are learning about nouns and adjectives and how to describe characters. We will also be learning some Anansi stories and fables including 'Anansi and the Turtle'. Our final book topic will be The Tear Thief.

***Please continue helping to support your child with their reading at home every evening and sign their reading diary each time.***

## Maths

We are beginning the year by working on the children's understanding of place value and using informal written methods to add and subtract. One of our key objectives in mental mathematics is learning our number bonds to 20 and 100. It is also important that children can add 10 to a number.

We are also working hard to learn our 3 and 4 times tables as well as continuing to practice our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. During the first half term, we will also cover a range of other topics including 2D shapes, multiplication, division and fractions.

After half term we will be working on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. As this is such a useful life skill, it would be very helpful if this could be practiced regularly at home along with their times tables.

## Science

Our topic this half term is Magnets and forces. In order to explore the concepts of forces and movement. The children will begin by predicting then investigating which common materials are magnetic or non-magnetic and making generalisations about them based on their results. They will also be investigating how things move on different surfaces and notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. They will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others

After half term the next topic will be 'Animals. And Humans'. We will learn about the different food groups and the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. We will also learn about food eaten by other animals. We will learn about human and animal skeletons and how the muscles are needed for movement

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## Art and D&T

We will link our Art work to our current topics in English, RE and Topic. There will also be opportunities for the children to develop their painting and sketching skills. Mr Gerry will also be working with the children on creating a bigger piece of art.

As we approach the end of the term we will be making some lovely Christmas decorations for our classrooms and other Christmas related crafts.



## Geography/ History

In the first part of the half term we will be learning about the **United Kingdom**. We will learn that the UK is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and we will learn the names of the capital cities of the UK (London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast).

We will be using maps to help us locate key places within the country. This will include finding the location of key cities such as Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool etc. We will write fact files for each of the four countries including information about their population, rivers, mountains and interesting landmarks.

We will also be looking at the British Royal Family which links with our English text on Princess Smartypants and also British Values.

## Computing

This term the children will be developing their word processing skills through using MS Word. They will be learning about e-safety and understand the rules and dangers when using the internet. We will also cover basic keyboard and typing skills such as using capital letters, using the shift or caps lock keys, and the correct use of the space bar. The children will also experiment with selecting different fonts and changing their size, style and colour. They will use these skills to make an e-safety poster.

We will then work on programming skills using a website called code.org. Each child will have their own login which they can use to access the site from home or the library if they wish to. Please talk to your child about the importance of keeping safe online.

# SUBJECT NEWS



## RE

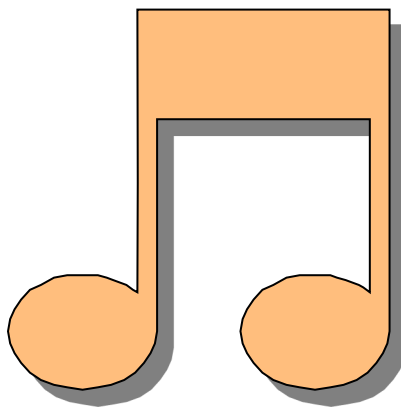
Our RE themes for the Autumn term are;

### **The Christian Family**

Students will learn about the Christian family that they belong and the process of baptism.

### **Mary, Mother of God**

Please discuss with the children the importance of Mary within our faith.



## Music

This term, Year 3 will be taught by a specialist teacher from Southwark Music Centre. They will be taught a wide range of different musical skills and acquire relevant vocabulary and learn about different composers. They will also have the opportunity to sing different styles and play instruments.

### Homework

Homework tasks are given to support your child's learning. It is important that all children are given support with all their homework; this includes learning to spell the words on their weekly spelling list. **Please can you ensure you comment and sign the homework card in the folder.**



## P.E

We will begin our P.E. lessons by ensuring that the children understand the **safety rules** required during P.E. and follow them carefully.

The focus of indoor P.E. lessons this term will be Gymnastics. The children will be taught by a visiting teacher. They will learn dance routines and choreography.

In outdoor P.E. we will be focussing on football skills this half term. The children will then apply these skills when playing small games in pairs and as part of a team. Some children will also be chosen to represent the school at Cross Country and Football.

**Please make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit at all times. P.E. kit should be brought to school every Monday and should not be taken home until Friday.**