

Soar on wings



# Class Newsletter

September 2023



## Welcome Back!

As we start the year, we offer a warm welcome to the new members of our class joining Year 4. This term's topic has strong links with science. We will learn who can help us manage our emotions and use our adrenalin to our advantage. (RSHE). We like to start the year with a 'wow starter' and this year we have a **special surprise** for Peacock Class soon...

Mr Murphy

Our school topic for this term is: Footprints!

Our inquiry question is: If you don't follow a trail, would you still get to where you are going?

Respect

Responsibility


Compassion

Trust


Courage

Perseverance

### Literacy...

Using real life scenarios, school visits and art we hope to inspire Peacocks' writing. After revising Standard English pupils will be encouraged to use expected levels of grammar within their own writing. What are you reading? We will read classic fiction including nove  Roald Dahl and CS Lewis.

### Maths...

Songs shall be used on a weekly basis to encourage understanding of x and ÷ facts to find a product. Children will revisit place value to complete number sentences (multiply by 10, 100, 1000) before solving problems involving money. Our secret weapon is a musical character: Number  Cruncher!



### Topic...

Footprints, handprints, fingerprints...the possibilities are endless! Topic work will be guided by the pupils' own interests; building on existing knowledge and using technology to share learning experiences. An example of this will be using GPS to track our visits and analyse the data. Can Peacocks compare environmental regions North and South of the Hemisphere?

Mrs Ferrier will teach PE on a Tuesday afternoon – encouraging the class to become physically active for a sustained period of time - starting with invasion games. Please encourage your child to bring their PE kit to school at all times including football boots and shin-pads for those playing football – thank you. Those playing football during lunchtime should bring a second pair of trainers (no studs).

Thank you for labelling your child's PE kit.

**RE and cultural development...**  
We will investigate the theology behind the story of The Creation and consider where beliefs come from.



"It really made the pupils think differently about their environment"

### How to support at home

Please see the attached timetable for details of weekly homework. Be assured homework is always explained and examples of written methods demonstrated before setting questions. If you have any concerns, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

### School Partnerships

Last term, Peacock Class posted letters to Madya Primary School, we hope they have time to send replies to us, fingers crossed!

Coming soon...

- A special guest, scientist and comedian, has been invited to Peacock Class to perform his show 'How To Save Our Planet.'

- Our Weather Balloon Project video is complete, and available on our school website. This first-hand primary research will be used to inspire the children's understanding of the atmosphere, specifically: Earth, Sun and Moon.