Learning in Kahlo Class Spring 2022 **Topic: Britain and the Anglo-Saxons**

In Science, we will be...

- Learning all about living things, life cycles and reproduction.
- Understanding the cycle of life and how this works in nature.
- Working scientifically with graphs and data.

In Geography, we will be...

- Learning more about the geography of the UK
- Analysing geographical data in graphs and charts.

In History, we will be...

- Studying the British settlement by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.
- Learning about how influential and important Saxon York was.

In DT, we will be...

- Creating a pop-up book using mechanical systems.
- Researching, designing and evaluating throughout our design process.

In Art, we will be...

- Taking part in an exciting 'art literacy' pilot with Mrs Lennon.
- Developing our self-portrait skills.



In English we will be...

Developing our writing skills by:

- Creating a variety of writing for different purposes, including; suspense stories, playscripts, food reviews, essays to explain geographical findings, newspaper reports and epic narratives.
- Using lots of amazing grammatical features in our writing, and punctuating these correctly.
- Proof-reading, editing, uplevelling and improving our work.
- Using ambitious and interesting vocabulary with confidence.

Improving our spelling by:

- Learning lots of different spelling rules and common exception words weekly.
- Working with ACE spelling dictionaries, dictionaries and thesauruses.

Developing positive attitudes to reading and improving comprehension by:

- Completing work around our brilliant class novels, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis and *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- Looking at a huge variety of text types from a plethora of authors of all nationalities, ethnicities and genders.
- Discussing and debating our opinions and thoughts about a variety of texts.
- Using punctuation to help us read, with increased fluency, intonation and expression.

Using these texts to help us with our writing: NEIL GAIMAN SALES



In Maths we will be...

Developing our mathematical knowledge and skills by:

- Continuing to explore fractions, decimals and percentages, and understanding the relationship between these.
- Applying the four operations to fractions with increased confidence.
- Exploring measure, including time, money, length and width.
- Beginning to explore geometry and understand the language and ideas around shape.
- Understanding and applying correct mathematical terminology in context.
- Increasing times table fluency through Times Tables Rockstars and weekly practice.





As always, we will continue to develop our mathematical reasoning and problem solving, with opportunities in every maths lesson to explore and apply these skills. Within our lessons, we use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations of concepts - allowing for a hands-on approach to mathematical understanding wherever appropriate, in relation to the maths mastery approach.

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In RE, we will be...

- Learning about what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.

In PE, we will be...

- Perfecting our gymnastic skills with Mr Scaling, looking at shape, levels, movement and performance.
- Developing our fitness, stamina, strength and flexibility through the use of circuits.
- Working on our hand-eye coordination and accuracy through the sport of tennis.





In Computing, we will be...

- Programming a micro:bit using sensing and coding.
- Using flat-file databases to store and retrieve information.

In Spanish, we will be...

Developing our speaking, listening and writing skills.

In PSHE, we will be...

- Discussing our dreams and goals, and how these might be different for everyone.
- Looking at how to be the healthiest version of myself, and how I can take care of myself.

Learning at home:



Reading: It would be fabulous if you could try and listen to your child read as much as possible! Please log any books your child reads on GoRead - it's a great tool that can help us (and you) see what your child is reading. As always, please do ask me for any book recommendations!

Homework: Children will receive a piece of Maths and English/Reading homework on Fridays. This is due back into school on Thursdays. Please encourage your child to complete this, as it will help reinforce and support their learning in school.

Spellings: On Mondays, children will be given a list of 10 spelling words to learn at home. In class, we have learnt a range of techniques that can be used, so please do encourage your child to use these.

Times Tables: Please continue to practise and use Times Tables Rock Stars at home, this can have a massive impact on all areas of maths! Please ask if your child needs their login details.



As children of St Barnabas, we will be...

Remembering to follow our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe, and showing others how they can follow them too. We will also be aiming to show our values of Compassion, Courage and Creativity in everything we do, whilst encouraging others to do the same.

Kahlo's autumn term was fantastic, and they have started the spring term off with enthusiasm and a real willingness to get themselves involved. The children have been ready to learn, giving their all in everything that they do and really working their hardest. It has been lovely to see, and let's continue this positive start into the Spring Term.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support; it really makes a massive difference and we are incredibly grateful for all the help you give us and your children.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo or the school office if you have any queries, questions or concerns. We are more than happy to help. Here's to another great term, filed with excitement, learning and lots of smiling faces!

Best wishes, Mr Levick, Mrs Faletas and Mrs Bruce.

