

Learning in Farah Class Summer 2022

Topic: From England to the Americas

In Science, we will be...

Learning about sound

- how it is made and how we hear it.
- We will be learning how our ears work.

In Geography, we will be...

Learning about the Americas in order to:

- enhance locational and place knowledge
- focus on North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, states and (some) major cities
- understand geographical similarities and differences
- begin to associate weather/climate with landscape and environment
- learn to use the eight points of a compass

In History, we will be...

Learning about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor:

- Viking raids
- the Viking settlement on Jorvik
- King Alfred the Great
- King Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066.

In DT, we will be...

- constructing a castle
- designing a castle with key features to appeal to a specific person/purpose

In Art, we will be...

Looking at collages by different artists and making our own.

In English we will be...

Developing our writing skills by:

- writing character descriptions, thinking about what a character looks like and their personality
- writing setting descriptions by thinking about all our senses
- using similes and adjectives to create a clearer picture
- writing a narrative from the another person's perspective.

Improving our spelling by:

- looking at words with the /s/ sound spelt 'sc',
- endings spelt 'sion'
- apostrophes for possession, including singular and plural
- homophones
- suffixes and prefixes

Developing positive attitudes to reading and improving comprehension by:

- reading a range of texts, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry
- themes will include Ted Hughes poems, dragons and the Queen's Jubilee
- reading Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan

Using these texts to help us with our writing:

- **our class novel, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.**

In Maths we will be...

Developing our mathematical knowledge and skills by:

Continuing to use our Maths No problem scheme to work collaboratively on finding many different methods to solve problems.

Using the resources to help us make an answer (counters, cubes, paper) or representing our learning with pictures before moving onto the abstract (numbers)!

In Year 3:

- Fractions, geometry, money, time, picture graphs and bar charts as well as revising our calculations knowledge.

In Year 4:

- Decimals, money, mass, volume and length, area and geometry

In preparation for the Year 4 statutory (government) Times Table check, we will be using at least twice weekly

TTRockstars paper speed rounds!

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In RE, we will be...

- learning about why festivals are important in different religions; exploring the meaning of Easter and Eid.

In PE, we will be...

- continuing with our swimming lessons
- preparing for sports day.

In Computing, we will be...

- learning to create digital animations

In Music , we will be

- using our Charanga scheme to look at 'How Does Music Shape Our Way Of Life?'
- it celebrates a wide range of musical styles.
- lessons support the key areas of the English Model Music Curriculum; Listening, Singing, Playing Composing and Performing.

In PSHE, we will be...

- Learning about positive relationships in our lives
- Moving on to changes in our lives and next steps

Learning at home:

Reading: Please listen to your child read at least 3 times per week. They should log their reading on Go Read!

Homework: This will be sent weekly to be returned the following week. It is always linked to our class learning.

Spellings: practise your spelling words at home using our techniques (rainbow writing; pyramid writing; say it, copy it, hide it, write it).

Times Tables: Being secure in your times tables facts is really important to help with fluency in maths. Children who can recall their times table facts easily and quickly, find it easier to solve problems with their knowledge and to make links across topics. Please play TTRockstars at least twice a week!



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.

As you know, Ms Graystone is recuperating from her knee surgery so I am covering the class.

It is a privilege to work with the children and get to know them better. We have had a fantastic start to the term and have settled back into our routines.

Year 3 children are having their Maths lessons with Ms Pena-Harran (our Deputy Head) and Year 4 with Mrs Bruce.

Ms Pena-Harran will be working with Farah class on Tuesday afternoons.

Please let any member of Team Farah know if you have any questions, concerns or queries. You can reach us via Class Dojo or the school office. During Ms Graystone's absence, please contact Mrs Bruce.

**Best
Mrs Bruce and Ms Pena-Harran.**

wishes,

