

Learning in Farah Class Autumn 2023

Topics: Plants; The Americas; Creation; Storytelling through drawing; The Ancient Egyptians.

In Science we will be learning:

- The parts and functions of the plant.
- What a plant needs in order to grow.
- The life cycle of a flowering plant.
- The main stages of the digestive system.
- To demonstrate an understanding of the functions of each part of the digestive system.

In Geography, in our topic on 'The Americas, we will:

- Use the 8 points of a compass to locate places
- Learn about latitude and longitude; the Northern and Southern hemispheres and time zones
- Practise using atlases and maps
- Learn about some human and physical features of the USA and Brazil.

In History, we will be learning:

- About Ancient Egypt and its impact on the world.
- How Ancient Egypt fits within our historical timeline.

In DT, we will be learning:

- A variety of sewing skills including running stitch and back stitch.
- Various techniques for joining together two pieces of material, for example, sewing on a button.
- To evaluate our work.

In Art, in our topic of 'Storytelling through Drawing' we will:

- Explore how artists create sequenced drawings to share and tell stories.
- Look at two artists in detail: Laura Carlin and Shaun Tan.
- Make our own 'stories through drawing' using charcoal and oil pastels.

In English we will be...

Developing our writing skills by:

- Building on our basic sentence work to use fabulous vocabulary, including adjectives, adverbs and similes.
- Beginning to understand how paragraphs work and applying it to our own writing..
- Use our skills to write narratives including setting descriptions, poems, explanations and stories.
- Conducting our own research and writing non-chronological reports.

Improving our spelling and handwriting by:

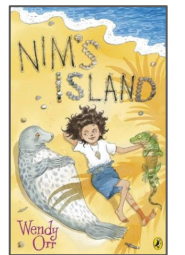
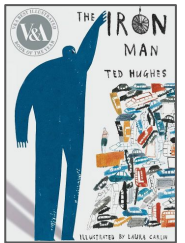
- Securing the Y1/2 spelling words while learning Y3/4 words
- Considering our presentation and writing cursively
- Learning a range of spelling patterns to support our spelling
- Continuing to use our phonics knowledge to spell accurately

Developing positive attitudes to reading and improving comprehension by:

- Reading a range of texts and extracts and discussing the meaning
- Expanding our vocabulary by exploring authorial intent from word usage
- Explaining our views and inference of characters and plots through clues in the text.

Our main texts this term are in the images.

A range of texts including extracts from stories and non fiction texts will be used in our Guided Reading lessons.



In Maths we will be developing our mathematical knowledge and skills by looking at:

- Recognise the place value of a number and representing numbers in different ways (e.g. $392 = 300 + 90 + 2$)
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- In Year 4 being introduced to Roman Numerals
- Learning and/or consolidating addition and subtraction
- Learning and practising formal methods of multiplication and division of 2 and 3 digit numbers.

We will be spending lots of time consolidating the children's x tables knowledge.

In Year 3 we will be revising the 2, 5 and 10 x tables. We will be learning the 4 and 8 x tables
In Year 4 we will be revising the 4, 3, 11, 6 and 8 x tables and learning the 9, 12 and 7 x tables.

If your child is unsure of any of these x tables, please could you practise with them at home? A great way to practise is by accessing times tables rockstars.

Another favourite in school which can be found online is:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Learning in Farah Class Spring 2023

**Topics: Plants; The Americas;
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In RE, we will be learning about:

- Creation: What do Christians learn from the Creation story?
- Why are festivals important to Christian communities (Christian focus).

In PE, we will be learning:

- Hockey
- Sports Hall athletics
- Dance
- Tchoukball and Dodgeball

In Computing, we will be learning about:

- The Internet

In PSHE, we will be learning about:

- Dreams and Goals
- A Healthy Me

In Spanish, with Mrs Lawrence, we will be learning:

- Greetings
- Feelings
- Ourselves
- Family



Learning at home:

Reading: Please read with your child at home 3x per week with their banded reading book and their own choice book. Please log this (whether they've read with you, or on their own) in their reading journals. Remember, they can log it too.

Homework: Alongside reading 3x per week, please ensure TimesTable Rockstars is played again 3x weekly (even just 5 minutes at a time). If children are secure in their multiplication facts, Maths becomes a whole lot easier for them! The Year 4 assessment is in May and there are 144 facts they need to know!



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.

It is wonderful to work with the children and see them grow in both knowledge, skills and confidence.

They are becoming more resilient and independent and building their team working skills.

I know we say it all the time, but little and often.... reading and timestables at home every day makes a HUGE difference to how much more the children can quickly access at school.

If you have any questions or have any specialist knowledge in any of our topic areas, do please let me know and we would love to have you in school as a speaker, or sharing photos.

Thank you for all your support .

Mrs Bellinger and the Farah Class team

Thank
You!

