

LITERACY

This term the children will be developing their **reading** skills through using the BigCat and Dandelion reading schemes. We will be using a variety of strategies to support our understanding of the text including making predictions about what's going to happen next, summarising stories, and creating and answering evaluative, literal and inferential questions. In addition to our reading books, we will be reading a class novel called 'The House With No Name' by Pippa Goodhart. From this we will explore figurative language such as similes, personification and alliteration. This year we will also be paying particular attention to comprehension activities. Please encourage your child to read at home and bring a reader into school that they can leave in class in order for them to expose themselves to unfamiliar vocabulary and contexts.

In **spelling**, children will work on specific blends and rules each week. These will be explored through active spelling tasks in class, and through set homework activities on seesaw, in preparation for a weekly spelling assessment.

In **writing**, the children will be writing for a variety of purposes linking to our class topic 'Earth Matters'. We will be focussing on identifying the key features of Big Writing including WOW words, connectives, openers and punctuation. This will include writing an explanation on how the water cycle works and writing a persuasive piece debating tourists use of the coastline. Children will be encouraged to read over their own work to make sure it makes sense and edit accordingly.

In **talking and listening** children will develop their talking and listening skills through regular class and group discussions and will learn to identify aspects of a 'Good Talk'.



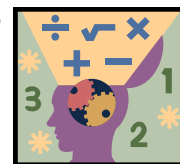
NUMERACY AND MATHS

In Numeracy this term we will be exploring decimals, fractions, percentages, factors and prime numbers. We will look at place value, partitioning, reading and ordering numbers, as well as continuing to consolidate our ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide using formal methods.

We will also be focussing on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 which will aid us when estimating answers to questions with a greater degree of accuracy.

Continued reinforcement of times tables at home and in class will help to support children with activities.

With Miss. Mitchell, the children will be exploring graphs, data handling and 24 hour clock. It would be incredibly beneficial if you could continuously encourage your child to read the time.



Health and Wellbeing

This term's focus for Health and Wellbeing will be on settling back into classroom life after lockdown. We will spend time discussing and expressing our thoughts and feelings. Children will learn to understand that their feelings can change depending on what is happening around them. They will understand the importance of mental wellbeing through developing personal coping skills and positive relationships and explore skills and strategies which will support them in challenging times, in relation to change and loss.

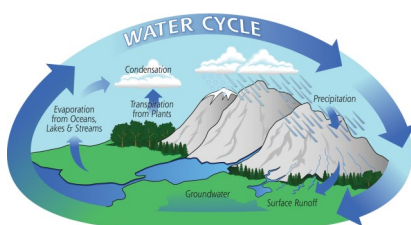
Due to government guidelines PE will take place outdoors, please make sure to bring an appropriate jacket for these day in case of wet weather. Our PE focus this term will be on learning to improve our overall fitness, while making use of learning outdoors. Children will be able to explain what happens when we exercise and the affects of exercise on our bodies.

TOPIC- EARTH MATTERS

Our topic this term is Earth Matters and we will explore this topic through social studies, science and technology.

In social studies the children will explore and discuss coastal features and Processes, and the impact of coastal erosion. Children will be able to describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including rivers, mountain ranges, volcanoes and earthquakes, as well as use maps, atlases, globes and computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

In science children will be learning to understand how water changes state. Children will explore how the water cycle works and will be able to describe this process. We will also explore how climate change and global warming affect the environment.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term we are exploring the many roles of Our Lady, and looking at Her role as Mother. The children will reflect on their mission as Christians to fulfil the values with which She upholds.

