



News from the Teacher

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to Turvey Primary School. I hope you have had a lovely break and are ready to get back into a routine. **Reminder:** All planners must be signed by a parent/carer once a week and need to be in school every day, especially Mondays for a teacher's signature. This also gives parents the opportunity to communicate, where appropriate. I will sign and check them on a Monday.

If you would like more detailed information about what we teach please refer to the school website. You will find curriculum maps on the class page and a detailed progression of skills document under the 'curriculum' tab for each subject.

Curriculum pages: <https://www.turveyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=25>

Class Pages: <https://www.turveyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Classes&pid=9>

English

At the start of the term, we will be looking at our whole class book: 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will learn about Maia's journey across the world, the friends she makes there, and the conflicts that tear her world apart. This exciting adventure story shares themes of family and class, responsibilities, and the importance of embracing new experiences. We will write character profiles, diary entries and powerful descriptions. In addition, we will also look at non-fiction and poetry themes throughout the term. Comprehension and SPaG activities are also taught weekly.

Maths

In Maths, we will recap and expand on place value in greater depth, ordering and comparing large numbers and determining the value of each digit. Throughout the term, children will be challenged to show and/or explain their reasoning, allowing them to demonstrate working at a high-level. Towards the end of the term, the children will learn how to add, subtract, divide and multiply fractions. We continue to do Flashback Four each day to enhance arithmetic skills and to be able to recall mental and written methods of calculations. On Fridays we have a weekly test of times tables and mental maths. If you can encourage the children to continue to practice their times tables at home, it would be appreciated!

Topic

Our topic this term is: South America. The children will be taken on a voyage of discovery to South America as they learn about the countries, culture and geography of the fascinating continent. As well as the climate, geographical features, the industries and the people of South America, we will also look at how life in South America is different to life here in the UK. Lions class will become tourists when we look closely at the range of mountains in the Andes, considering how they were formed and explore how local communities use them. They will also reflect on how products we use have been produced from an area of South America.

Science

During this term, children will be exploring living things and their habitats and describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. After half term, the children will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, transparency, and conductivity.

Computing, RE and PSHCE

Children will become game developers and crack codes as they enhance their skills in ICT. In RE, we will be learning about what Christians believe about God and in PSHCE we will be exploring different types of relationships we have with the people around us.

Art and DT

This term, Y5/6 will be focusing on one Art project and one DT project. Linked to our South America topic, we will be exploring the work of South American artists, such as Frida Khalo and Joaquin Torres Garcia. For Design and Technology, we will be designing, preparing and evaluating a South American banquet.

Physical Education

Children will take part in regular lessons of PE on Monday and Fridays. We will be focusing on learning and enhancing our skills in Dodgeball and Football followed by Tag Rugby and Gymnastics after half term. Children must wear their full black PE kit on Mondays and Fridays.

Important Dates

Monday - Planners checked, PE

Wednesday – Homework due in

Friday – Homework set, PE

Watch out for:

Sport Fixtures

September – Y6 9 a side Football league -Tuesdays after school (w/c 8th Sept for 6 weeks)

Team, times and locations to be confirmed.

19th Sept – Jeans for Genes day/Back 2 School Bash