

Bishop Monkton Church of England Primary School

Autumn 1 Information for Families

Class: Ospreys

Before and After School:

Children to arrive between 8:45-8:55 and come straight to the classroom to start a morning task. After school, please meet your child in the front playground or email the office to allow them to walk home alone. They need email permission to leave the school grounds including meeting you along St John's road.

Reading at home

Children are sent home with a reading book each day. Please can you ensure your child's reading diary is signed daily. We would like to see children reading at least 5 times a week.

In addition to this, please read for pleasure and share any stories your children enjoy.

Reading diaries are checked weekly in school.

PE

PE takes place on Wednesday (Boccia) and Thursday (Tennis).

Please ensure children come to school in kit on these days. This allows us to maximise learning time.

Adults in class each day:

Monday: Mrs McMahon, Miss Heap and Mrs Burnett.
Tuesday: Mrs McMahon, Miss Heap and Mrs Burnett
Wednesday: Mrs McMahon, Miss Heap and Mrs Burnett, Madame Heap (French) & Mrs Coupland (PSHE).
Thursday: Mrs McMahon, Miss Heap and Mrs Burnett
Friday: Mrs McMahon, Miss Heap and Mrs Burnett

Home-learning expectations:

Spellings: Weekly spellings will be sent home to practise. A spell check will take place on Friday.

Maths: A weekly set of arithmetic questions will be sent home. Regular times tables practise on TTRS or pen and paper help with so many maths topics.

Curriculum: A fun-creative project option will be provided. Normally this will set over the half term. Please see the class web page for details.

Curriculum Information

This term we are learning about – The Ancient Maya

English:

Our writing units will be based on The Maya. We will write instructions for Maya farming techniques as well as an adventure story – a quest set by The Gods.

Maths:

Place value, four operations and the first unit on fractions will all be covered in the first half term. All units will provide opportunities for fluency and problem solving.

Science:

Biology – animals including humans. We will learn all about the circulatory system including the heart and how to keep it healthy.

History:

Who were The Maya? Why they are significant and how life in Mesoamerica compares to life in Anglo-Saxon England. Learning will be consolidated with a trip to York Chocolate Story just after half term.

Wednesday afternoon:

Mrs McMahon has her planning time on a Wednesday, so Madame Heap takes us French, Mrs Coupland for PSHE and Miss Heap for PE.

RE:

God is holy and loving, how can Christians live His example?

Art:

Insulations – the art of 3D. We have a local architect from Stockeld Park coming to share an exciting opportunity details to follow!