

Adamson Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 - 2021

I hope you all had a great half term. Our topic this half term is earthquakes!

PDL/Circle Time

This half term we will be carrying on our learning of relationships by looking at how to know when to ask for help in a negative relationship as well as how we can respect equality and diversity.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set online on a Wednesday (starting on the second week back) and should be handed in by the following Monday. Dependant on the tasks set these can be submitted online or in their homework book, which will be sent home. If you require a hard copy of the homework or need help accessing the online homework then please speak to Miss Stanley. Please sign your child's reading record so we know how much they are reading at home and can reward them. Reading to your child as well as listening to them read is important to help your child progress, no matter how confident they are. We expect children to be reading at home at least 3 days a week.



Topic - Geography - Earthquakes

We are carrying on our geography learning this half term and we are looking at earthquakes! We will be looking at how they are created and link this to our knowledge of tectonic plates from our learning about volcanoes. We will look at the impact earthquakes can have on people's lives, as well as locating some of the world's most famous earthquakes. We will continue to build on our knowledge of using maps and atlases to support our work.

Maths

We will start our Maths learning after half term by looking at more formal methods of addition and subtraction which can be used across the mathematical curriculum. We will then start to develop our knowledge of fractions by identifying unit fractions of amounts and counting in tenths and hundredths. We will then look at geometry where we will sort and classify shapes using Carroll diagrams and describe positions on a 2D grid as coordinates in a quadrant. Following this, we will use our knowledge of place value and number to compare lengths and find 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number.

PE and Games

Games will be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Holmes our sports coach and PE will be dance with PH Sports on a Monday. In PE the children will be learning new skills and creating their own dance sequences individually and in small groups. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

Modern Foreign Languages

Through our French learning we will be looking at how to give and ask for names as well as recognising a question form. The children will look at communicating through speech. In addition to this, the children will revise their understanding of pets vocabulary and know about pets that are popular in France. We will finish our learning this half term by participating in a short French drama nativity.

English

Our learning will start this half term by looking at the book Flotsam by David Wiesner. We will be looking at writing a persuasive letter to a local supermarket, asking them to re-think the way that they package products in single-use plastic.

We will then look at a more festive book called One Christmas Wish by Katherine Rundell. Through this learning we will look at continuing to develop our sentence structure and detail through writing a narrative story opener. We will then look at telling the same story through a different viewpoint while we look at expanding details and events through specific vocabulary.



Music

In music the children will be looking at exploring the pentatonic scale and ways which they can notate pitch. They will listen to traditional Chinese music, as well as explore syncopated rhythms and learn that fundamental dimensions of music are the same all over the world.

Science

In Science this half term the children will be learning about forces and magnets. They will look and compare how things move on different surfaces as well as observe how magnetic forces can be transmitted. They will look at how magnets repel and attract each other as well as classifying materials as to whether they are magnetic or not. They will complete a range of experiments that help them understand these elements as well as describe how magnets have two poles and when these attract and when these repel.

Computing

In computing this half term we are looking at developing our skills of software developing. We will be looking at planning and designing a simple game that is aimed at a particular audience. We will then work on creating this with different software. Finally, we will test our game and make any necessary changes.