



As God's family, together we achieve

This half term, our British Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Mutual Respect**.

This half term, our Christian Value that will be celebrated throughout school is **Courage**.

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have enjoyed the festive period and had a lovely Christmas with your families and friends.

In **English**, our focus text is going to be *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling. Within this unit, the children will be exploring the main character to write a description, retelling key events in the story and using action, dialogue and description in their fictional writing. They will also be exploring the poem *Kaa's Hunting* and using non-fiction writing skills to create a discursive text based on the story. In **Geography**, we are going to be learning about biomes. We are going to be learning about the major terrestrial biomes in the world and their features. We are also going to be looking at how flora and fauna have adapted to certain conditions in different biomes. In **Art and Design**, we are going to be focusing on photography. We are going to use parts of photographs from newspaper and magazines to create our own photo-montages based on the work of Hannah Höch, thinking about the composition of the different photographs. We are also going to be looking at portraits. We are going to create our own portraits of Mowgli in the style of the artist Chuck Close. In **Science**, we are learning about the circulatory system. We are going to explore the main parts and what they do. We will create a diagram to show how the circulatory system works and we will also be learning about how lifestyle choices such as diet and drugs affect our health. In **Music**, we are going to be learning about the stylistic features of African music and performing as a class, combining rhythms and singing. In **PE**, we will be doing gymnastics with Mrs Winward.

It is going to be a very busy half term! Our class page will be updated weekly to showcase our learning.

Kind regards,

Miss Holt



Texts to support your child's learning this term

The Explorer - Katherine Rundell and Hannah Horn

Running Wild – Michael Morpurgo



Reminders

- Please ensure your child is reading at least three times per week at home.
- The children can also log on to Bedrock at home to support with vocabulary.
- Maths and Grammar homework will be sent home weekly.
- Homework grids will be sent home each half term (optional).
- Times tables are really important in supporting children with their Maths learning. Please encourage your children to practise at home. All children have a TT Rockstars log-in in their reading records.

Sports Days

This half term, the Year 6 P.E. lessons are on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Please ensure children come to school in their sports uniform on these days.

Key Dates

- **Monday 26th January** – OAL session (PM)
- **Thursday 5th February** – Spirituality afternoon
- **W/C 9th February** – Children's mental health week/Behaviour treat
- **Tuesday 10th February** – Safer Internet Day
- **Wednesday 11th February** – Biomes VR experience
- **Thursday 12th February** – Gymnastics showcase 2:30pm/PTFA disco
- **Friday 13th February** – School closes for half term