



Curriculum Matters



English



Children will read and respond to a selection of advertisements and examples of persuasive writing. We will spend time analysing and investigating language and features such as rhetorical devices. Children will write their own persuasive pieces and balanced arguments and will be encouraged to evaluate and edit their writing with a view to improving it.

Sentence level work will focus on using a range of active and passive sentences and using causal vocabulary to expand sentences. Children will also explore an increasing range of punctuation, including brackets, commas and dashes to show parenthesis

English Targets:

In persuasive writing, using devices such as rhetorical questions, emotive language, flattery, backing up arguments with facts and statistics and using a formal tone where appropriate.



Maths

Units of work within mathematics this half term will include:

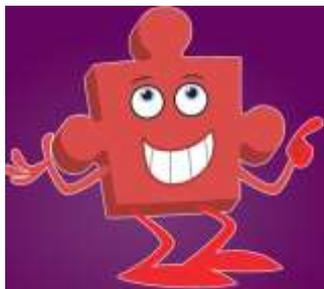
- Long division (4 digits by 2 digits)
- Factors and multiples
- Using common factors to simplify fractions
- Performing operations with fractions including adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators
- Applying knowledge to word problems and real-world situations
- Embedding of key skills in Friday sessions

Mathematics Targets:

Use an efficient formal written method for all four operations in order to solve multi-step problems

Music

Music lessons with Mrs Stone will continue on Wednesday afternoons and the children will be learning how to play the recorder.



PSHE

We will be following our new Jigsaw scheme with this half term's focus on celebrating differences.

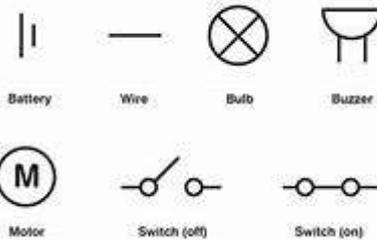
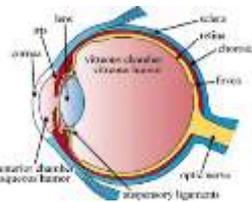
PE

Tameside Sports Coaches will continue to deliver weekly PE lessons on FRIDAY afternoons. Please ensure children have their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school. Children may be outdoors so winter sports clothing would be advised and trainers if possible.

Science: Electricity and Light

Children will be helped to develop the skills of:

- Planning and carrying out practical investigations with electronic circuits
- To draw and answer questions about circuit diagrams.
- To investigate changes in voltage and the brightness of bulbs
- Learning about how our eyes enable us to see
- Explaining conclusions in terms of scientific knowledge and understanding and focusing on the use of scientific vocabulary



RE - Values and adversity

We will look at applying religious values of tolerance and forgiveness to the 21st Century and also 'what religions say when life gets hard.



Homework

Homework will continue as per last half-term:

- Maths will be given out on Friday to be returned on Tuesday.
- English will be given out on Tuesday to be returned on Friday.
- Spellings will be given on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday.