

Summer 2 2022



School Contact Details

New Pastures Primary School

Upper School

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If you need to have a word with your child's teacher, please arrange an appointment after school when they will be happy to discuss your questions or concerns

PE

For the foreseeable future, we will have PE slots on Tuesday afternoons. Please make sure your child has their kit in for those days. We will be focussing on rounders and athletics. The correct PE kit of white t-shirt and black shorts is expected along with appropriate footwear. Children must not wear jewellery including ear rings.

School times.

Class 9 will begin their day at 9:00am.

Home time pick up is at 3:15pm. Please wait towards the top of the playground if you pick your child up. If your child walks home alone, they can leave at 3:15pm. If you need to speak to Mr Purdy, simply wait until the other children have left.

Snacks

No snacks can be bought in school. Instead as we are a healthy school, children can bring a piece of fruit to be eaten at break. No cereal bars please—only a piece of fruit.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is Local Industry - coal mining. We will be investigating how coal was formed, why there were mines in our area, how coal was dug out, the conditions in the

mine, life of children and the miner's strike. This should all be very interesting and engaging. It will be supplemented by our visit to the national mining museum of Caphouse Colliery. there.

English Fiction

Children will have the opportunity to write stories, information leaflets and advertisements. English work will be linked to our topic helping the children to deepen their understanding. As a school, we feel that if they can be encouraged to write creatively it will help them to understand the characters in the story and their motivation behind the words they speak and the actions they carry out. Children will continue to develop their use of thesauruses to help extend their vocabulary.

In reading lessons and small groups, children will be developing their comprehension skills as well as entering discussion based on our class novel.

Non-Fiction

Pupils will be using the different elements of SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) that they have been practising all year. They will aim to include these elements in their independent writing which should help to raise the level of their writing. The children will be developing their skills of reading for information. The onus will be on them to research about different vehicles and make sense of what they have read.

Maths

There will be an emphasis on using and applying the maths skills that they have built up all year in reasoning and problems solving as well as using these skills outside and around school for example finding different angles around school.

Scientific and technological understanding

This half term we will concentrate on learning about the properties of materials we see every day. The children will learn why certain objects are made from various materials and what would happen if the wrong material was used.

History and Geography

These subjects are all tied into our topic. In Geography we will link this to Maths using our knowledge of co-ordinates to read grid references on maps and use 8 points of the compass. The children will focus on using and interpreting Ordnance Survey maps including four-figure grid references, knowing map symbols and how scale is used in drawing maps and plans. The children will also create a plan of the school building and grounds.

Art and design

Again linked to our topic, children will be using different mediums: sketching pencils, paints, water colours and clay to create artistic work with their own interpretation and creative slant. We will study famous artists and their work.

PSHE

As part of Jigsaw we will be discussing the importance of how we change both physically and emotionally both during this year and the following teenage years so they are prepared for what is to come.

French

We study French as our modern foreign language. Children will be learning plenty of vocabulary in various area for example: rooms in the house, family members, feelings, weather and sports and hobbies. They will also learn to have a basic conversation and introduce themselves.

Contacting school

If you need to talk to me, please see me at the end of a school day. If you are unable to do this, you can phone the school office after 3:20pm. If I am not available, I will endeavour to ring you back at the earliest opportunity.