



# Curriculum News



## Spring A Term 2016

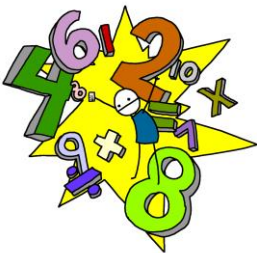
Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed my first week at Warthill! The children have been fantastic in welcoming me into the class and I am extremely excited about the forthcoming half term and beyond. Here is the first half-termly newsletter which highlights what aspects of the National Curriculum that we will be covering. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me in the playground.

The theme for this half term is 'Power to the Pupils'. Within this theme we will look at empowering children to develop their debating and persuasion skills. We will be looking at opposing viewpoints and studying the parliamentary process of making laws ending in the final weeks where the children will be taking part in a 'Dragon's Den' style presentation.

### English

The children will be:

- Verbally and formally devising balanced arguments linked to real life and fictional events
- Letter writing to develop their powers of persuasion
- Reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes
- Developing, using and applying Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) within guided and independent work



### Maths

Through a range of practical and teacher led tasks the children will be working on:

- Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and percentages (age appropriate)
- Measurement and geometry (properties of shapes, position and direction)
- Statistics - interpreting and presenting data and solving one and two step problems
- Ratio and proportion (Year 5/6)
- Algebra (Year 6)

Throughout the term we are encouraging the children to develop their mental recall of key facts including times tables

## Science



The children will be focusing on:

- Theme linked investigations - learning how to plan, obtain and consider evidence linked to our practical investigations
- Identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- Awareness that humans need the right types of nutrition from what they eat
- Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function

## Computing



The children will be:

- Understanding computer networks including the Internet; how they provide multiple services, such as the world wide web
- Using search technologies, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content
- Selecting, using and combining a variety of software to produce a presentation

## Physical Education



The children will be covering the following areas each week:

- games - age appropriate sessions led by the professional sports coach Mr Holmes at Sand Hutton school
- swimming - half hourly session to take place at Norton swimming pool every Friday morning

## Religious Education



The children will be focusing on Christians values. They will have the opportunity to explore what matters most to Christians, to Humanists and to themselves

## Geography



The children will be given the opportunity to explore where English laws are debated in the Houses of Parliament in London. There will be a greater geographical focus next half-term.

## Art

The children will be developing:

- a wide range of art and design techniques including sketching, drawing and painting
- skills linked to chosen artists



The children will be:

- Following age appropriate music weekly on a Monday afternoon at Sand Hutton Primary School

## PSHCE

The children will be:

- following the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) theme which is 'Going For Goals'
- focusing on healthy lifestyles and becoming an active citizen



## Homework

I am currently reviewing homework arrangements and will be sending out further details shortly.