



YARDLEY GOBION CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Using the talents God gave us to achieve and shine"

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER- ICEBERG CLASS: AUTUMN 2021

THEME: Crime and Punishment: In this unit we will be looking at what is meant by crime and punishment, seeing how crimes are investigated today, using maps and atlases to locate continents and countries of the world where capital punishment is still used. We will be investigating and comparing how crime and punishment has changed over time and looking at how the police force was started.

HOME LEARNING

In addition to our normal weekly homework expectations (reading, spelling and timestables) our Theme project will be researching crime through time. The POW suggestion sheet will be given with this week's homework (24.09). Along with these suggestions there is always the opportunity for children to add their own ideas to achieve their 5 POW points. The hand in date for this is Wednesday November 10th.

Teacher to Home

It's been so lovely to see everyone back to school after the summer break - quite a few have grown considerably since we last saw them!

We would also like to thank you for the lovely end of year gifts that we received, they were all much appreciated.

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LEARNING: OUR FOCUS IN EACH AREA FOR THIS TERM IS;

AS MATHEMATICIANS:

Our first unit will focus on place value. Following this we will focus on: Addition, subtraction, fractions, decimals, 3D shapes, time, and of course, the times tables. TT Rockstars will continue to play a big part in our maths this term, as the times table assessment at the end of Year 4 is now statutory.

AS WRITERS:

We will be focusing on writing fantasy stories based on the 'How to train your dragon' series, biographies and poetry. In addition to this we will be developing research skills to help investigate crime and punishment. We will be looking at key spelling patterns from the spelling curriculum and testing that children have understood these (each Wednesday).

AS READERS:

Reading every night is really important to develop your skills.

We would like you to read 1 fiction book of your choice and 1 non-fiction book based on our theme (recording to take place on 'Goread'). Children can read books from home in addition to those from school. In class we will be focusing on inference - finding facts out to help us understand deeper meaning from a text.

AS SCIENTISTS: We will be investigating how to keep our bodies fit and healthy. Then we will investigate the properties of light.

AS HISTORIANS: We will be investigating changes to crime and punishment over time.

AS GEOGRAPHERS: We will be locating countries and continents that continue to use capital punishment.

AS ARTISTS & DESIGNERS: We will be looking at the work of courtroom artists, such as Priscilla Coleman, to create artwork with chalks and pastels.

AS PHYSICAL LEARNERS: We will be learning about Rugby and after half term dancing - our **PE days are Monday and Thursday (switching to Monday and Friday after half term).**

AS MUSICIANS: We will be extending our knowledge of written musical notation giving a welcome return to singing.

AS LINGUISTS: We will be deepening our knowledge by playing games to increase our fluency.

FOR OUR MENTAL WELLBEING:

In PSHE we will be talking about 'Being me in my world' - thinking about our rights and responsibilities, our role as part of the school community and the importance of our attitudes in helping us and others learn. We will also continue to look at ways to manage our wellbeing with meditation and peer massage.

AS RELIGIOUS LEARNERS: We will be looking at how the creation story can teach us values.