

*Year Two Newsletter*  
*Summer 2017*

*Edith Nesbit*



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Children will be learning:

## English

This term, our English lessons will be based on our Humanities topic on Edith Nesbit. The children will be reading stories written by Edith Nesbit such as *The Railway Children* and *The Last Dragon*. The children will be developing their speaking and listening skills by retelling stories orally. They will also be creating their own information texts about Edith Nesbit and will continue to develop their handwriting skills and spelling daily, as well as expanding their use of different punctuation and vocabulary.

## Maths

This term, pupils will be revising topics from the beginning of the year in order to deepen their understanding. This includes: place value, calculation, fractions, measurement and shapes. Children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of these concepts. All concepts taught this term will involve word problems and the skills needed in order to solve them.

## Science

Our topics this term are: Materials and Plants. The children will be continuing their learning on identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials. Children will investigate how some materials can be changed using forces (bending, squashing and stretching). The children will also be investigating how heat can change the properties of some materials and explaining which changes are irreversible. The children will also be learning about what plants need in order to grow and they will be studying how plants change overtime. Throughout the term, children will be working on planning and conducting simple investigations and will continue to develop their skills in suggesting questions as a basis of enquiry, predicting what might happen and recording evidence in tables and charts.

## Computing

This term in Computing, children will be using comic software to create their very own comic which will be related to our humanities topic Edith Nesbit. We will also be looking at the computer program Kodable which helps us to use the if-then commands. Children will be shown how to input instructions, take screenshots and upload them.

## Humanities

This term, our Humanities topic will be Edith Nesbit. The children will be using computers and ipads to research about Edith Nesbit, which will help them to create their information texts in English. We will be looking at her childhood, asking and answering questions about the past. We will be identifying differences between ways of life at different times, finding out about the past from a range of different sources. We will also be looking at the books she wrote and her many influences.

## Art and DT

For Art, we will be looking at the artist Van Gogh leading up to Arts Week. We will be focussing on skills such as observational drawing and painting, using media such as pencils, watercolours, oil pastels, charcoal and acrylic paint. In DT, the children will design and make their own piece of clothing, linking with our humanities topic on Edith Nesbit.

## Religious Education

This term, our RE topics are Hinduism and Sikhism. We will look at the importance of families in Hinduism; why honesty and truthfulness are important in Hinduism and how Hindus pray at home and in the temple. During our Sikhism topic, we will be looking at what Sikhs believe about God and what a Guru means and what does it mean to be equal?

## PE days to be confirmed

Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit. The school policy is navy or black shorts and a plain white or blue T-shirt with trainers or plimsoles. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold weather. Children should bring their PE kit in a drawstring bag, on the first day of term and leave it in school until half term. Jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of small studs, which should be removed by the child for all PE lessons.

## Birthdays

In line with the school's healthy eating policy, please do not send in party bags, sweets etc when it is your child's birthday. You can however, send in a cake for classmates, ready cut, with a napkins or bags.

## Homework

Children will be given a weekly spellings list to learn (the test for which, will be on a Monday), as well as their times tables passport and tasks to complete on Reading Eggs and Mathletics. It is also expected, that children will read to an adult every day for around 15-20 minutes.

## Book Bags

Children should bring their book bags to school each day with their reading book and reading record. Book bags can be purchased from the office. Children may also bring a bottle of water, but please do not send it to school in the book bag.

## Uniform

Children are expected to wear school uniform. This can be purchased from the office. Please ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. In general, children should not wear jewellery to school but small ear studs are permitted.

If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.