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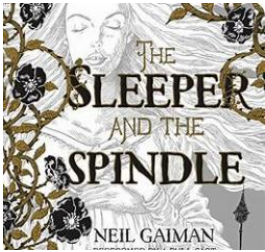
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Buckingham Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2026



English – Reading, Writing & Spelling



In English, we will be reading a range of texts including non-fiction and poetry and practising a range of comprehension skills and exam techniques in preparation for the SATs in May. Our class book this term will be: 'The Sleeper and The Spindle' by Neil Gaiman: a modern take on fairy tales that has the most wonderful illustrations by Chris Riddell. We will be using the book as a prompt for much of our writing which will include setting and character descriptions, dialogue within a narrative, letters, diary entries and non-fiction writing based on the silk route. Mrs. Paul will continue to work on Year 6 grammar, punctuation and spelling on a Friday.

Maths

In Maths, we will start the term with metric and imperial measures before moving onto exploring the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Finally, we will be learning about ratio and proportion. Mrs. Paul will be focusing on geometry and will be working on a unit about position and direction. Children will continue to have daily arithmetic sessions at the start of every day to improve their speed and accuracy and prepare them for their upcoming SATs.

Science

In Spring 1: we will be looking at living things and how we classify them including plants, vertebrates, invertebrates and micro-organisms. We will be looking at the work of famous scientist Carl Linnaeus and learning about his classification system. We will be carrying out an investigation to find out what yeast needs to grow and reproduce – which includes inflating balloons!

In Spring 2: We will be carrying out a unit on electricity. We will be setting up and investigating different electrical circuits as well as learning about different sources of electricity and how electricity reaches our homes.

Other Curriculum Subjects

Our topic is: **A Local Study of Bishops Itchington to answer the inquiry question "Why is Bishops Itchington here rather than over there?"**

History/ Geography: The children will be learning about the history of key buildings; their origins, purpose and impact on the lives of people in the village. They will investigate why the village is situated in this location, how it has changed and developed over time, making links to prior learning about the Industrial Revolution. They will identify and explore the lives of significant people who lived in and shaped the village. As geographers, children will be learning more about the location of the village, the geographical features of the quarry which determined the location

of the village and the development of industry in the local area; they will develop map reading skills including use of the 6-digit referencing of Ordnance Survey maps and learning to draw scale maps.

RE: Children will explore the key principles of Buddhism and the Buddhist way of life, answering key questions including: What is the Buddhist origin story? Who is Buddha? What are the four sights and how are they linked to Buddha's enlightenment? They will also identify the importance of and differences between prayer and meditation; consider the ways this is reflected in the way Buddhists and Christians pray and investigate the differences and similarities in structures, interiors and artefacts in Buddhist and Christian places of worship.

PSHE: The Spring term is all about Dreams and Goals as children explore their hopes and ambitions in their immediate, medium and long-term futures and the steps they can take towards their goals; they will consider global problems and suffering and how this makes them feel and consider how they personally can make a difference in their local, national and global communities.

PE: Children will have PE on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. On a Monday we will be outside, weather permitting, working on netball and football skills and on a Thursday the children will be doing indoor athletics in the hall. Please could children have the correct PE kit in school on both days?

Art & Design: Children will be studying the artwork of Lowry, famous for his emotive representations of his local area, its people and its industry. Children will learn about this emotive artist and draw inspiration to create their own sketches and paintings of Bishops Itchington.

Design & Technology: Technical knowledge Mechanisms. We will learn how to use cams and how mechanisms can be used to produce movement. Our finished product will be a moving toy.

Computing: Spring 1 -Programming variables in games Spring 2 – Spreadsheets

Spanish: children will consolidate earlier learning. They will continue to learn how to read, write and say simple phrases and sentences through activities, games and songs. Units of works include all about me, classroom instructions and equipment and colours.

Homework

Maths and English – Mrs. Daly will set on a Thursday and the children have a week to complete this. Children have a folder for homework which must be in school each Thursday. Some homework will be online.

Spelling – Mrs. Paul will set spellings (most weeks) on a Friday and share on Bromcom.

Reading – Keep reading regularly – 5 times a week is recommended.

If you do have any worries or concerns, please do speak to us. We are contactable via Bromcom or you can phone the school office directly to make an appointment.

The Year Six Team: Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Wines and Mrs. Abbott

