



Riverside Primary School



Ferns' Autumn Term Newsletter

Maths

Pupils will be working on the following areas:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Measurement

English

This term we are focusing on poems, inspired by our British Hero - Benjamin Zephaniah.

We will also be writing a diary entry using 'The Journey' by Francesca Senna book.

Grammar focus: Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositions.
Fronted adverbials.

During the second half term, we will be using the Hansel and Gretel story to write our own narratives.

Grammar focus: Verb inflections (we were instead of we was)
Nouns or pronouns to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.
Paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme.

Punctuation focus: plural and possessive apostrophes.
Inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech.
Use commas after fronted adverbials

Science

- Living things and their habitats
- Animals including humans - life cycles.

P.E

Ferns will have PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. They should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. Year 6 pupils will have swimming EVERY Friday with other pupils swimming in a week block - this will be confirmed by email nearer the time.

Computing

- They will learn how to stay safe on the internet
- Using the internet to research.
- How to use spreadsheets

History

Pupils will look at The Greeks.

Art

- Still life - Van Gogh

RE

- Pupils will be looking at different celebrations from different religions. These include Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

PSHE/SMSC/SEL/RSE

Using the Jigsaw scheme of work, this term we will be looking at:

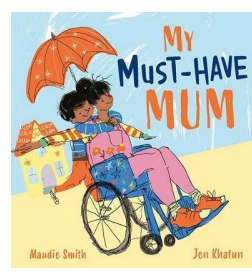
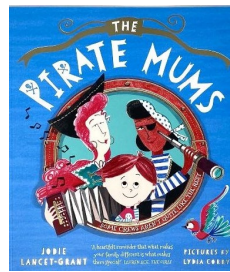
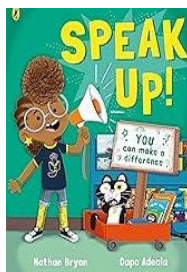
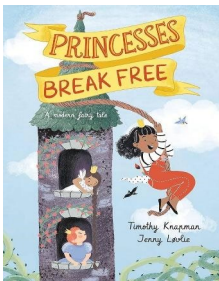
- Being me in my world
- Celebrating differences

The 'My Happy Mind' scheme will focus on 'Meeting the brain', which will include:

- How the different parts of our brains work together.
- What neuroplasticity is
- Learning about the role of the amygdala (the part of our brains responsible for fight, flight or freeze responses)
- How to train our brains
- How 'Happy breathing' is a key way to look after our brains

Diversity **We're all different, we're all wonderful.**

- We will share these new carefully chosen favourite five stories to celebrate our identity in the world and gain a more in depth understanding of others



Forest School

Forest school will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. This term the children will have the opportunity to learn more about the natural environment, develop team building skills and even toast a marshmallow on our campfire!

Homework

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. Other homework will be sent out as necessary, with a specified return date.

Crafternoon

We will be having our 'Christmas crafternoon' on **Wednesday 13th December at 2:00pm in the Ferns classroom**. Please come and join us for a cuppa, chat and cheer!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see all our latest news at [@RPS_Ferns](https://twitter.com/RPS_Ferns) and on the **Marvellous Me app.**

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. Our email is ferns@riverside.wirral.sch.uk and keep an eye out for any news via email.

Mrs Benson, Mrs Weatherall and Miss Mansell

Ferns Teachers