AUTUMN - MARCONI CLASS - YEAR 5&6

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?..

Maths

This term, the children will develop their understanding of place value, learning to read, write and partition numbers up to 10,000,000. They will then build on their skills in addition and subtraction of integers, before progressing to multiplication and division using formal written methods. They will apply these skills to a range of mathematical problem-solving activities.

English

Our Autumn text drivers are Street Child by Bernie Doherty and Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick. We will write first-person diaries, narratives, biographies and chronological reports. We will develop our understanding of writing and correctly punctuating dialogue, while creating detailed descriptions of characters and settings. We will also explore how authors use language to engage readers and bring stories to life.

PE

Pupils will begin by embedding the basic skills required to interact with games. Pupils will focus on the fundamental skills of running, balancing, jumping, hopping, skipping. Pupils will critique their own performance and find ways to improve performance.

History & Geography

This term, we will explore Hitler's rise to power, the impact of Nazi propaganda, the persecution of Jewish people, and the purpose and experiences associated with concentration camps.

Science

This term, the class will study animal classification and the different life cycles of species. We will explore how plants reproduce and learn about the work of Sir David Attenborough and Dame Jane Goodall.

RE

This term, the class will explore the Kingdom of God and consider what Christians mean by this concept. We will examine biblical references to the Kingdom of God before studying the story of Jesus' birth. We will consider its significance for Christians today and how these teachings influence beliefs, values and everyday life.

Art

In Art, How can we further develop perspective and the third dimension? We will use linear perspective, vanishing points, horizon lines, scale, overlapping, shading and tonal values to create depth and a convincing three-dimensional landscape drawing.

Design Technology

In DT we will learn about freestanding structures. We will learn cutting and joining skills and then design, construct and test our own structures.

Music

In Music, our specialist teacher, Mr Mulhern, will teach pupils to play a tuned instrument, read musical notation and compose their own piece, developing confidence, creativity and musical understanding.

PSHE

Being healthy means caring for your physical and mental well-being. Self-worth means recognising your value and believing everyone deserves to feel respected, confident, and important.

HELPING AT HOME

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

Quick note...

We hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer break filled with fun, sunshine, and special memories. We're so excited to welcome our pupils, families, and staff back for a brand new school year!

This term is full of exciting opportunities for learning, growing, and working together as a community. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time — welcome to the Arreton family! Let's make this year our best one yet!

Key Dates

17th Sept Pupil Photographs
W/B 28th Sept Parent Consultations
9th Oct Go Yellow Day
12th Oct - Marconi Trip WW2
14th Oct Harvest Festival
19th Oct Half-term starts
10th Dec Film Night
14th Dec - Nativity
15th Dec - Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day
16th Dec - Christingle Evening/ Carol Service
17th Dec - Panto Day

PE

Parents can support PE at home by encouraging daily physical activity, practising skills like throwing and catching, promoting active play, limiting screen time, and making movement fun as a family.

Maths

Regular practice is essential for Year 5 and 6 pupils to build confidence and fluency in maths. Practising times tables helps pupils calculate quickly, while working with timetables develops their ability to read schedules and plan journeys. Practising time also strengthens important everyday skills, helping pupils become more independent and confident in real-life situations.

English

Daily reading with/alongside your child is very important. This can be achieved in a variety of ways.

Spellings, the use of ED Shed is also another vital element in our pupils development.

RE/Worship

We encourage parents to explore and discuss local community worship locations with their children. Visiting churches and other places of worship around the Isle of Wight helps build understanding, respect, and a sense of belonging. It's a great way to support our RE curriculum and celebrate the diversity within our community.

Reflection

"For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its tender shoots will not cease."
— Job 14:7