



Over this next term, I am anticipating more great learning to come for Ennis-Hill class at West Vale academy. The children should be excited to continue to build their knowledge of our broad and balanced curriculum as we continue in to the second half term of the year. We will be continuing to enforce our school rules and expectations to promote the best learning environment for our pupils. During this next half term, we will be focusing on the values curiosity, courage and endeavour. It would be greatly appreciated if the values of West Vale may be discussed at home too.

Maths

In maths this half term, we will first be moving into multiplication and subtraction and then length and perimeter. Of course, the children will have prior knowledge of these topics so we will be moving to build on these foundations and working towards challenging ourselves where we can!



Art/ DT:

Next in art the children will be moving onto Islamic art, and to kick off our new topic we have an artist coming to work with us to help us get started.

DT will start this half term with food, this will be taught in block like computing.



Science:

In science, the children will be moving to look at different materials, the properties of them and whether changes to different materials can be reversible or not.



Geography/History:

In History, we are moving on to the interesting topic of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

In geography we are moving onto Mountains, children will have the chance for more practical learning, such as putting themselves in the shoes of someone that has climbed mount Everest!



English:

Over the half term, the children will be reading the book 'Tom's Sausage Lion' by popular author Michael Morpurgo.

The children will then produce different forms of written work linked to our learning around this book.



Computing:

Computing will be taught in a full day block at the end of the term. The children will this term, look at what HTML is and how this is used online.



PE:

The children will be taking part in both swimming and indoor PE. For their indoor PE lessons, the children will be practising gymnastics where they will develop the correct way to balance.

Swimming will continue at Sowerby Bridge pool and fitness centre.



PSHCE & RE:

In PSHE, the children will be learning about Health and wellbeing and what this looks like.

In RE, the children will answer the key question 'What different faiths are in my country?'



Music:

The children will be looking at changes in pitch and tempo through the inspiration of the theme of rivers.

They will learn what ostinato is and how to create and perform this themselves.



Class messages:

Also this year, we are excited to have Phunky foods back in school working with our four year 5 ambassadors to help us educate ourselves on how we should lead a healthy lifestyle! This term our Phunky foods ambassadors are being set the challenge of designing an activity for children to do at break time. Also on Monday 7th November, we will be having an Islamic art workshop, coming into class, to help us with our new art topic

Important dates to remember:

Swimming days — Every Wednesday afternoon, Indoor PE — Every Thursday afternoon

Islamic Art workshop - Monday 7th November (small fee to be paid on Arbor for participation)

Friday 16th December — Break up from school for the half term.