

Spotlight on Design & Technology Curriculum Newsletter



In the modern world there are many different items that we use which have been designed and created to meet the different needs of people. These range from the simple spoon to the technology involved in manufacturing the latest mobile phone. There are different steps that need to be followed so that a product can be designed and made and this will be the focus of our learning this term.

The children in Year 5 will use their creative skills to design a felt phone case. They will develop and apply sewing skills to make and decorate their cases.



Maths

The children will investigate the properties of different shapes and angles within shapes, as well as investigating how to transform shapes on a grid using co-ordinates. In addition to this, they will further develop their understanding of decimal numbers in place value.

English

The children will explore narrative poems with a particular focus on the poem 'The Highwayman'. They will use these sources as a stimulus to compose their own narrative poems and perform them to the class. They will also write newspaper articles inspired by events from a poem.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

April

28th Class photographs

May

4th Bank Holiday

7th School Disco

21st Last day in school

22nd TD Day and end of Term 5

June

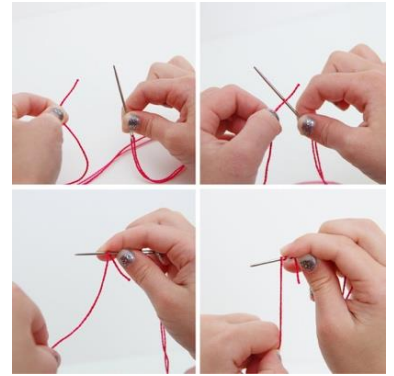
1st First day of Term 6



Creativity is intelligence having fun!

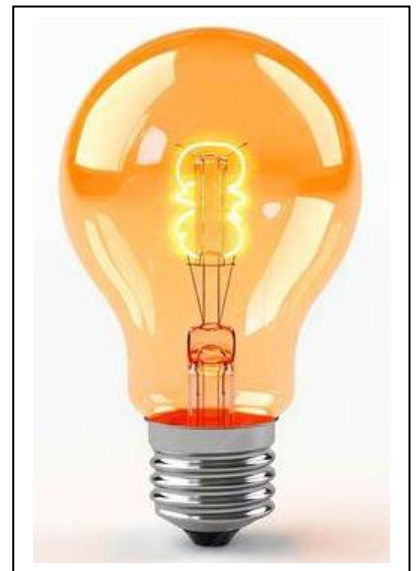
Design and Technology

The gaining of knowledge and understanding together with using design and practical skills will form the focus of the learning in respect of this topic. The children will investigate design criteria for a phone case, and generate their own ideas with a view to creating their own set of design features for their product. In order to make the phone case, they will create a template and practise various sewing skills such that they will be able to create a final desired outcome.



Science

The children will be further developing their understanding of light, investigating its different properties; how we see colours and the shapes of shadows cast by different objects.

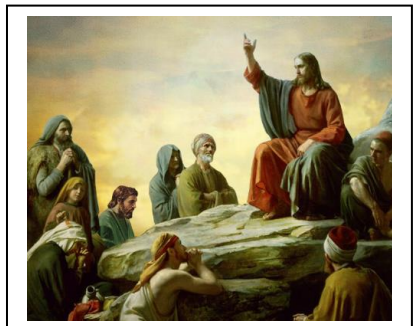


PSHRE

The theme this term is Health and Wellbeing. The children will look at concepts such as the importance of sleep; ways to relax and deal with feelings and how to keep safe in the Sun.

RE

The focus will be on the gospels of the Bible, learning about Jesus' teachings and how these affect how Christians lead their lives.



Computing

The children will be focusing on learning about how to create 3D models using the different features of graphic software.

PE

This term, the children will be focusing on improving their skills in athletics and tennis.

A PLEA ABOUT P.E. KITS!

Please can you make sure that your child (children) has a full NAMED P.E. kit in school. The kit should include a pair of black or navy blue shorts; a red t-shirt and a pair of NAMED trainers. Additionally, the children will need to be able to take part in P.E. lessons outside so can you please provide a tracksuit/jogging top and trousers for your child to use if necessary. Finally, can you also include a pair of socks in the kit, especially for the girls who wear tights. Thank you.



Don't forget to check the school website www.malmesburyprimaryschool.co.uk for up-to-date information.

