



## Autumn 2016 Newsletter

In literacy this year, for some of our units of work, we will be using a teaching model known as 'Talk for Writing'. This involves the children acting out a chosen text within a genre to encourage memorisation and internalisation of specific features so that these can then be more readily used and applied in their own written work within that genre. If you would like to read more about it, the website is <http://www.talk4writing.co.uk/about/>.

We will begin with **play scripts**. Following this, we will learn how to **report write**. Finally, we will do an **author/illustrator study** on Beatrix Potter, since this year we celebrate 150 years since she was born.

In maths we will be spending a lot of time on **place value and calculations**. We also hope to have a visit from the York St John University students, who have previously spent a day with us doing fun mathematical activities.

We will be studying **Animals** and **States of Matter** in Science and concentrating on **pulse and pitch** in music! Our history topic this term will be **The Vikings**. In geography we will carry out a **local study**. Our R.E. this term will first focus on **Jewish festivals** and then, later on, on Mary's experiences and role in the **Nativity**.

In art, our focus will be on developing **sketching** skills as well as looking at the work of some **famous architects**. PSHE will include **e-safety** and understanding what comprises a **healthy lifestyle**. Half of the **PE** curriculum this term will be dedicated to swimming (on Wednesdays). The second PE lesson will be on Friday with a specialist teacher called Miss Williams. Like last year, at the end of September, we will be taking part in the cross country events.

The above really does just give a broad overview of some of the learning the children will be involved in this term - we can guarantee there will be an awful lot more going on! As always, please do come and have a word with us if there is anything you would specifically like to ask about.

Very best wishes

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