



Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Watson and Mr Ekers would like to welcome you to the summer term in our virtual school with Google Classroom. It has been a huge learning curve for us all. We've all managed to continue with our learning using real lessons. Thank you all for your continued support.

We are setting English and Maths each day and everything else is weekly.

Our topic is an unusual one which we study from a historical perspective. As always, we have found a text to link to the area which is set in the 1970s, just as Lebanon was in the middle of its civil war. We hope your child enjoys reading it during our online lessons. It is a story of hope and courage during difficult times. We have an idea of what that feels like!

## OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

**What would it take for peace in the Middle East to be achieved?**

**AS WRITERS** we will be reading the story Oranges in No Man's Land and using it as inspiration for writing different genres. We will be writing a scene description of Beirut, a news report on the Lebanese civil war and also exploring some poetry.

**AS MATHEMATICIANS** we will work on position and movement and measurement. We will also be keeping our key skills going in the four operations as well as working with fractions and percentages.

**AS HISTORIANS** will be answering these questions:

- How was the kingdom of Israel established?
- Why is the Middle East important to different religions?
- What was the Ottoman Empire?
- What is happening in the Middle East now?

**AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS** we will be learning digital literacy skills through using online learning through Google Classroom.

**AS SPORTS STARS** we will be adding some athletics to our virtual P.E lessons, from sprinting to throwing to various types of jumping. Mixing this all up with fitness, yoga and dance tasks to keep us healthy and active!

**AS SCIENTISTS** we will build on our previous knowledge of forces and discover how they affect our everyday life and the world around us. We will also learn how forces affect movement depending on their strength and direction.

**AS CITIZENS (PSHCE/RE)** in PSHCE we will be thinking about staying healthy. In RE we will be learning about journeys that are made in our lives and in some faiths.

**AS MUSICIANS** we will be listening to, and learning from, a range of music that we will use to inform our performing skills.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- You are not alone, we are only an email away so please ask for help.
- Our lessons are a maximum of 1 hour but each lesson is broken into timed sections
- Please try to keep up with daily reading and quiz taking
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**IN FRENCH** we will be using an online platform (Duolingo or Linguascope) to improve the conversation skills and vocabulary word bank that we learnt last term.

**AS ARTISTS** we will be studying Islamic art this half term, especially the geometric, plant and calligraphy patterns that are used.