



SET SAIL FOR SUCCESS

Mayflower Topic Letter

Rousseau Class

Autumn 2020

Welcome back to a new school year at Mayflower! Our topic this half term is our class artist, Katushika Hokusai, and The Mayflower voyage. Have a read to find out what we'll be up to.

Topic

Our topic learning will be focused around the voyage of The Mayflower Ship.

In History we will be researching the people who journeyed on the Mayflower. Why they took the journey across the Atlantic, and what happened to them.

In Art we are looking at our Class artist Katushika Hokusai. We will be using his pieces as inspiration for our own and exploring different mediums.

In Computing we will be developing our communication skills through Microsoft Teams.

Our focus for PE this half term is competitive games. We will be focusing on team work and ball skills.

English

In English we will be looking at what it was like on board The Mayflower Ship. We will be using our findings as inspiration to write a diary from the perspective of a passenger. We will use drama and poetry to deepen our learning and explore vocabulary.

We will also be looking at poetry writing. We will be using art to inspire our writing and we will be focusing on personification.

Every Monday we do a whole class read. We will also continue guided reading sessions each morning and it is important that **children read at home every day for at least 20 minutes.**

Science

This half term we will be investigating plants. We will be doing lots of hands on, independent investigations to learn about this topic.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be learning about number. Children will be participating in lots of problem solving and partner work. Later in the term, we will be working on our four operations and carrying out practical activities to deepen our understanding of these.

Morning maths happens daily from 8:45. If your child is late they miss out on over an hour of learning every week! **Your child must be in class at 8:45.**

September 2020



Parents' Memo

PE

PE will take place on a **Friday's**. Please bring clean kits in at the beginning of a half term and take them home at the end to wash.

Library

Children visit the school library **throughout the week**. They can also change their library book after lunch.

All children must bring their books in EVERY DAY.

Your child should be practicing their times tables at home daily, in preparation for the Year 4 test in June. Weekly spellings are given and should be learnt at home. Spelling tests are on a Friday.