

Monarch Class



Hello to all children, parents, carers, grandparents and everyone who will be part of Monarch class this year. We are very much looking forward to our first term and have some important information and reminders for you as we begin our new school year.

The Curriculum: All the teachers from The Merriott and Haselbury Federation have been working very hard over the summer to prepare this year's exciting new curriculum for the children. Below we are pleased to give you some information on the areas we will be covering in Monarch class up until half term. It should be noted that if you do notice slight differences in the areas we cover at both schools it is because of the mixed age class structure of Haselbury school but rest assured we will still be covering the same skills and curriculum objectives. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please do ask.

English	Writing Focus: Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. This text follows Leonard, the main character as he arrives on our shores aboard the HSS Empire Windrush. We will uncover a timeline of Jamaica's history alongside the experiences of those journeying to Britain after the Second World War and use this to inspire our own writing. Reading Focus: On the Move, Poems about Migration by Michael Rosen.
Mathematics	As mathematicians, we will be working with place value and learning to read, write and work with numbers to ten million! We will also be working on ordering and rounding integers (whole numbers) as well as working with negative numbers . After that, we will revisit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – consolidating learning from Year 5 and using our skills to solve increasingly complex multi-step problems involving these operations.
RE	We will be revisiting Hinduism and exploring the tricky concepts of Dharma and Deity and the belief that all living things are connected.
Art & Design	As artists, we will be working with 2D drawings and 3D making .
Science	In science, we will be working with electrical circuits to investigate the way voltage affects the brightness of a lamp or volume of a buzzer. We will investigate the function of electrical components as well as learn to draw circuits using electrical symbols .
Computing	We will be learning about computing systems and networks by exploring the work done to break secret codes and cyphers at Bletchley Park during WWII.

Humanities (History)	As historians, we will be taking a look at the Transatlantic Slave Trade . We will be asking ourselves why British people were interested in countries halfway around the world and what made Bristol an important port and harbour.
Music	We will learn about dynamics, pitch and texture in music. We will look at the sounds of orchestral music and the role of the conductor.

Assemblies: Our celebration assembly will be on a Friday at 2.45pm to which you are all invited. We will let you know in advance if your child has received a star of the week certificate so that you could make arrangements to attend if you would like to. Let us know if you have taken part in the summer reading challenge set by the library so we can mention your child in our assemblies. Please also let us know if your child has achieved anything outside of school (however small) so we can celebrate this too on a Friday.

PE kits: Please make sure that the children bring their PE kit to school and keep it at school in a drawstring type PE bag or carrier bag. For practical reasons it is unhelpful to put PE kit in a rucksack as they take up too much space which is at a premium!

Other things: Please could you send a healthy snack such as fruit and don't forget to bring a fresh water bottle and book bag every day, and outer clothing appropriate to the weather. Sun cream and sun hats for hot days and coats, hats and gloves as we move towards the winter.

Thank you!

Mr Pinchbeck