

Monarch Class



Hello to all children, parents, carers, grandparents I hope you all had a great spring break ! We would like to share some important information and reminders for you as we begin our new half term.

The Curriculum: All the teachers from The Merriott and Haselbury Federation worked 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: Can We Save the Tiger? By Martin Jenkins Tigers are big, beautiful and fierce. But, like many other animals, they are in danger of becoming extinct. This book tells us about the threats to the many endangered species on our planet and the need to prevent their extinction. Reading Focus: The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken. Long ago, at a time in history that never happened, England was overrun with wolves. But as Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia discover, real danger often lies closer to home.
Mathematics	As mathematicians, we will be working with decimals to 3 places, reminding ourselves how to multiply/divide by 10,100,1000 and multiply/divide decimals by integers. We will work with Fractions/Decimals/Percentages (Fractions to percentages, Equivalents and Ordering) We will learn to find the percentage of any amount before moving on to work with Area/Perimeter/Volume .
RE	We will continue to learn about what Christians believe about salvation, forgiveness and the way this links with Easter .
Art & Design	We will discover how artists use layers and juxtaposition to create artwork which explores identity – we will make our own layered portrait .
Science	During this half term we will be enjoying a science week which will give us some opportunities for hands on investigations. We will also learn about data handling, tables and graphs.
Computing	Creating Media – we will be finding out about the history of computers and working with sound files.

Humanities (Geography)	We will be asking ourselves the question “ What makes Fair Trade fair? ” and investigating through a series of smaller questions.

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 such as a raincoat, and hats and gloves as we move into the season of unpredictable spring showers.

Thank you!

Mr Pinchbeck