



Mr Lee & Miss Campbell

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### **Welcome back!**

We hope you all had a fantastic half term break and we welcome you back! We hope you are refreshed after the break and ready to continue a fun and exciting year of learning.

### **Creative Curriculum**

Our new topic for this half term is a research project on history and origins of popular (pop) music. Within this topic, we will be focusing on research skills, composition based on popular music and tribute to popular music development. This will include: study different types of music through the decades and the biographies of famous pop stars. By the end of the half term, the children will deliver their own artistic presentation about the artist of their choice!

### **Science**

Our topic in science is statistics. We will provide children with opportunities to collect, analyse and organise data in bar and line graphs and pie charts.

### **Computing**

As part of our computing topic, we will focus on developing the children's skills using a variety of software to experiment with Garage Band music software, compose songs in groups to use in PE dance, use video recording, upload and edit films, present their own pieces of compositions and recordings to class peers.

### **Mathematics**

We will continue to do work in calculation; weight, length, capacity and volume; Shape and Space; data handling and problem solving. This term we will cover aspects, for example, converting mixed fractions to improper fractions, measuring area and perimeter of shapes, reading time on 12 and 24 hour clocks and identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

### **English**

This half term we will be focusing on working on biographies and autobiographies, conducting a research on a musical artist of their choice, learning poetry by heart and reciting it to class peers. We will continue working on an accurate use of possessive apostrophes, relative clauses, similes, metaphors, rhyme and imagery. By the end of the unit, the children will have written their own research on a musician of their choice, a newspaper article, performed poetry and written a narrative about a piece of music.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to everyone who has made sure their child has started this half term looking very smart and is following our uniform expectations. Please make sure your child wears their uniform every day, and all of the uniform has their name displayed clearly on one of the labels. This is to ensure we can locate any lost items. No jewellery must be worn in school, except stud earrings and watches.

### **Upcoming Events**

5ML's Swimming Day – Tuesday pm  
16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November - Parents evening  
21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November –  
Anti-bullying week  
Swanage  
28<sup>th</sup>November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December -  
Christmas Jumper Day and  
Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2  
Performances 9:00-10:30; 2:00-3:30  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas  
Fair 4:00 - 7:00  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Class  
Parties pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last  
day/Early Closure

### **Half Term Task**

In our creative topic, we have a focus on history of popular music. To consolidate the children's learning, we would like them to create an artistic presentation about a pop star of their choice. The presentation can be done in any form, e.g. dancing, singing, power point, pop-up book. The choice is yours. We look forward to seeing some creative ideas!

Due Friday 16th December



### **Homework**

Please support your child at home with learning their times tables, spelling and doing the English and maths activities that we set for homework.