

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2023



This half term in Southsea Castle Class

Our Big Questions

How can Science help us to understand the world?

During the transition to their new classes, pupils will be mainly learning through sensory and practical activities which focus on what scientists have learnt from studying fossils and the formation of the earth.

As they bond as a group, pupils will explore the theme of 'identity', both as a new class and as an individual. Pupils will investigate their family history and will discuss ways in which they can build connections and foster friendships within the school community. Pupils will learn about inheritance and DNA and will learn why offspring are not identical to their parents. They will discover which characteristics are inherited from our parents and which characteristics can be affected by the environment or lifestyle choices.

For the remainder of the half term, pupils will continue their learning as forensic scientists. Through historical study, pupils will explore crime and punishment in several key historical periods as well as in the modern day.

The project ends with a special problem solving activity which requires them to apply their knowledge and skills from the project.



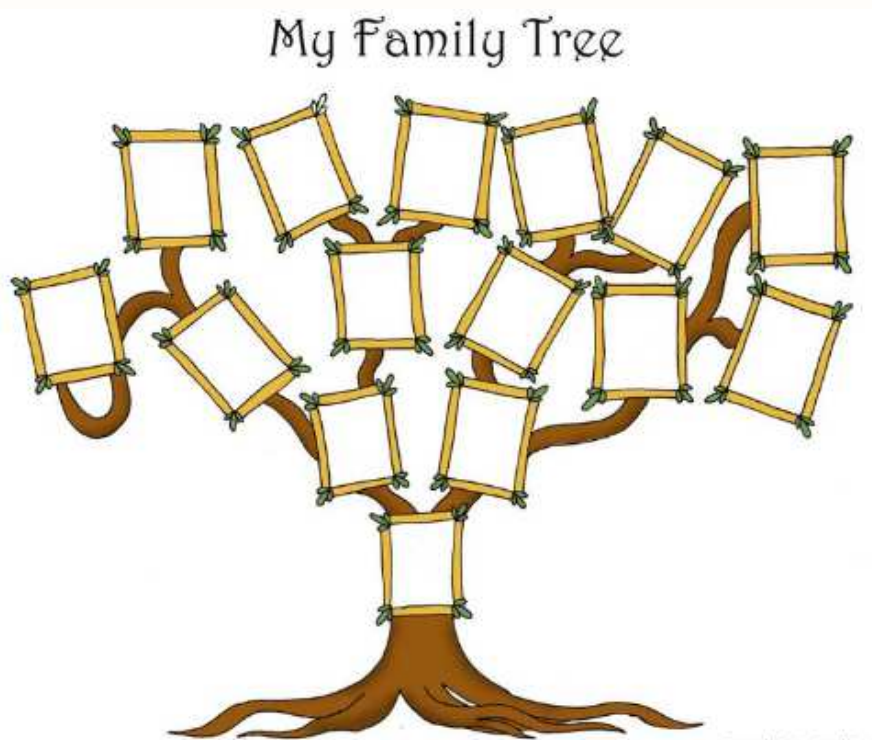
Family Support

We would like to make this learning as real and as relevant to pupils as possible. In order to do so, we would really appreciate some photos of pupils and their family to use in discussions about inheritance. If you are able to send photos that your child could use to create a family tree and photos of your child when they were younger, we would really appreciate it.

These photos could be printed copies or please email electronic copies to ks2@thewymeringschool.com. Please note the photos will only be used for these sessions and all printed copies that are included in your child's work will be sent home.

If talking about particular family members may be upsetting for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you



Southsea Caste staff

We have really enjoyed getting to know the pupils in Southsea Castle this week!!

Jess
Class Teacher



Lorna
Support Staff



Florence
Support Staff



Items to bring into school

Please ensure that your child has 1 or more changes of named clothing in school, including underwear. Please note this does not have to be school uniform.

We often do sensory or water based activities which can get a little messy.



If your child usually has a snack (nut free) during the morning, please ensure that they bring one with them. Your child will also need a water bottle in school. If your child prefers to drink squash, they can bring a bottle in for the half term which will be kept safe in the classroom.



We have regular breaks outside during the day, with the cold and wet weather expected in the autumn, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school.