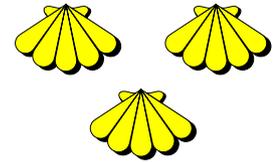


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## Spring 2022 Newsletter

Year 6 - Indigo Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school term - we hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful holiday.

In English we will be continuing with our investigation of a number of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be completing a number of tasks to cover a range of purposes and to showcase the literary and grammatical devices that we have been working on this year. We will be continuing with our detailed reading of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian - we made good progress with this last term and have explored a number of emotive themes in the book. As we prepare for the summer term, we will be looking in greater detail at consistent accuracy across spelling and punctuation and working to improve handwriting across the class.

In Maths, we will be recapping a range of topics relating to number (such as the order of operations, working with fractions and formal methods for long multiplication and division) as well as continuing to investigate areas of geometry relating to shape and angles. To ensure that all pupils feel confident approaching SATS in the summer term we will continue regular practise of arithmetic questions and challenging reasoning problems.

In Science, we will continue with our study of evolution and inheritance that we started last term. We have looked at the main scientific theories relating to evolution and we are now going to look in further details at the adaptations of specific species within their habitats. We will find as many opportunities as possible for pupils to work scientifically within this unit and carry out investigations of their own design.

In History we will be looking at the significant contribution of the Ancient Greeks, framing our learning around the question 'What did the Greeks do for us?' This will require pupils to call on their prior learning of ancient civilizations as we delve into new findings from history and archaeology.

Geography learning will focus on the highly topical issue of global warming and climate change. Pupils will be carrying out their own research as well as looking at the impact of climate change in both physical and human geography.



In Religious Education we will be looking at Buddhism and comparing aspects of this world view to others that pupils have considered in their prior learning.

In Physical Education, pupils will have the opportunity to learn about the rules and skills involved in fencing. As a reminder, pupils will need a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts/skorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Please also ensure that your child has a blue tracksuit if it is slightly wet and cold. Please remove earrings and provide a named water bottle. Please could you regularly check all of your child's clothing (school uniform and PE items) to make sure their name is clearly marked.

In Computing we will be looking in further detail at spreadsheets; pupils will be developing their skills when working with spreadsheets and understanding how to use the tools available to build effective and efficient ways of working with data.

In Art we will be considering 3D sculpture, looking at kinetic sculpture as well as the work of such influential artists as Damian Hirst and Michelangelo. In Design Technology we will be linking learning to Computing, thinking about how coding can be used to control products that have been constructed.

In Music we will look at the work of Benjamin Britten and use the key features of his work to influence our own composition. Later in the term we will consider Carole King and compare this with other musicians we have considered.

PSHE learning will focus on the theme of dreams and goals. Pupils will be encouraged to think about their hopes for the future, particularly as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. Later in the term we will look at the key features of a healthy lifestyle, drawing on prior learning from across the curriculum.

French learning will focus on vocabulary relating to weekend activities and habitats. Pupils will be developing skills in sentence construction and have greater opportunity to read aloud to peers and adults to develop their oral skills.

As last term, homework be will sent home on Fridays and due back the following Wednesday. We will be setting homework based on our focus that week in Mathematics and English. If there is any issue relating to homework, we are always delighted to help pupils during school time. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns relating to this.

The Knex team should be visiting school at some point during this term, and we will send home more information relating to this when confirmed.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time if you have any questions. We very much look forward to working with you all this term.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Gale and Mrs Moulsher**  
Indigo Class Teachers

