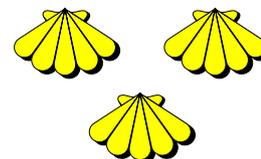


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Summer Newsletter

Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term. Thank you for all your support and hard work with homework and reading. I hope you had a great Easter holiday and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

Reading is an important part of your child's learning. Please continue to read with your child **at least 5 times each week** - it really does make a difference to your child's development. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have read - comprehension is as important as identifying the words themselves.

In English, we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing, poetry and looking at fiction from our literacy heritage. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills. Early in the term, we will finish reading 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird and using this story to further inspire and develop the children's writing. Later in the term, we will be reading 'Tales of the Family from One End Street' by Eve Garnett. We will use this story to inspire and develop the children's writing.

In Maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction in many forms and be describing and visualising 3D and 2D shapes. We will suggest suitable units and measuring equipment to estimate or measure length, mass and capacity. We will develop strategies to count on and back in repeated steps of different numbers. We will use all four operations to solve word problems involving money and measures. We will also be looking at multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages. A sound knowledge of times tables, up to and including times twelve, is essential and any opportunity for your child to practise their times tables will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

In Science for the first part of the term we will continue our topic on 'Forces' where children will look at the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. Our focus will then be on 'Properties and Changes of Materials' where we will look at the how materials can be altered and changed by different processes.

In R.E the children will have the opportunity to explore the roles of different religious leaders from different communities including within the Jewish faith and our own leaders among the Christian faiths. This will also tie in with our RE trip to the Jewish Museum and Synagogue in London. Other areas to look at will include Creation stories, the Sabbath and different feast days.



In Art and DT we will be concentrating on creating sketches to record observations and in doing so help to revisit and review ideas. We will be looking at various artists including Keith Haring, in particular his 'Dance' series. The children will create their own pictures and models inspired by his work.

In ICT the children will develop expertise in spreadsheets, using both formulae and functions. They will import and analyse data collected on data loggers and create a simple spreadsheet model to find possible answers to a real life problem.

Our Geography topic will continue to focus on the Amazon rainforest and how life in that environment compares with our lives as western Europeans. We will also go on a Great American Road Trip where the children will further develop their locational and place knowledge. They will focus on North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities.

In History we will look at Ancient Greece concentrating on the significance of this ancient civilisation to our way of thinking today. We will look at the role of Athens and Sparta, the major achievements by the Ancient Greeks and how war and fighting contributed to their achievements. We will also look at how communication has changed over time.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within netball and the children have a fantastic opportunity to learn how to play Gaelic Football. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts or skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. You may also wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too. We have our annual Sports Week trip to Skreens Park - more details to follow.

We will be learning French each week using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well investigating French culture.

Mrs White and Mrs Hundley will continue to work with the Wider Opportunities children every Wednesday.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday please. Projects will continue this year and they will be based on topics being studied at school. I will give more information on these nearer the time.

Please continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day and they will also need a water bottle too.

As always, if you ever have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutual time to meet.

I look forward to a great new term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Collins
Class Teacher

