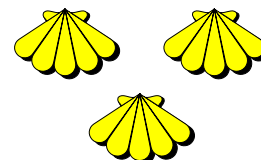


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## Spring Newsletter

Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term. I hope you had a great Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

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

In Literacy we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing, poetry and biography writing. Guided Reading sessions will continue each week, where the children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills. Spelling and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. Please ensure your children are learning their weekly spellings. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills. Early in the term we will be reading 'Oranges In No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird and using this story to further inspire and develop the children's writing.

In Numeracy 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 and division, fractions, decimals and percentages. A sound knowledge of times tables, up to and including twelve 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.

Our science topic for this term is 'Properties and Changes to Materials' where we will look at how materials can be altered and changed by different processes.

In RE the children will begin to learn about celebrations related to key figures within Judaism and Christianity such as Esther (the feast of Purim) and Moses (the Passover). In the lead up to Easter week we will look in detail at the events surrounding the death of Christ and the significance of Good Friday and the resurrection.



In Art we will be concentrating on creating sketches to record observations and in doing so help to revisit and review ideas. To link with our topic work we will be looking at the rainforest painting by Rousseau.

In ICT the children will develop greater understanding of spreadsheets as a calculation tool. They will also create graphs from sets of data and change the variables to reflect different situations.

Our Geography topic will focus on locational knowledge with a particular emphasis on the Amazon rainforest and what it is like to live there.

In History we will continue to look at Ancient Egypt, concentrating on where and when this ancient civilisation first appeared and what their achievements were.

Mrs White will continue to work with the Wider Opportunities children every Wednesday. They will have another music lesson afterwards, where they will learn other basic musical skills with Mrs Hundley.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within hockey and gymnastics. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. As the weather becomes colder, you may wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too. Please provide bands to tie hair back and spare socks if they are wearing tights.

Homework will continue this year. There will be homework, which will be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned on Friday please. Spellings will be given to the children each week and they will be tested on a Friday. Please continue to read with your child each night. It really does make a difference to your children's development. Projects will continue this year and they will be based on topics being studied at school, starting off with French.

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

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 term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Gallagher**  
Class Teacher

