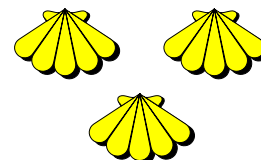


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Spring Newsletter 2017

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 English 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. 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 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 and 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.

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 of Rousseau.



In ICT the children will develop greater understanding of data and databases. They will start to understand why and how large organisations collect data and recognise unacceptable behaviour on and off-line.

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 children every Wednesday in their strings lesson. They will have another music lesson afterwards, where they will learn other basic musical skills with Mrs Hundley.

Our French topics this term will be 'The Weather' and 'Clothes.' The children will have lots of opportunities to speak, listen to, sing and act out scenes from everyday life in France.

In P.E. we will be developing our skills within hockey and netball. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts/skorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled. As the weather becomes colder, you may wish to provide your child with jogging bottoms too.

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.

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

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

Please aim to be on the playground for just after 8.40am so we are ready to line up when the bell goes at 8.50am to make a good start to the day.

I look forward to a great term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gallagher
Class teacher

