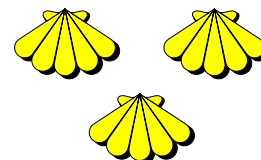


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Summer Newsletter

Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting term. 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.

In Literacy we will be working to develop our skills in narrative writing, poetry, report and discussion 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 'Tales of the Family from One End Street' by Eve Garnett 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 will 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. Times tables are absolutely crucial as a basis for so many other areas of maths. Please note that the children will now be tested on their knowledge of their times tables as part of the SATs in Year 6. Active maths will continue and the children will continue to develop their reasoning skills through a range of problem solving activities.

In Science we will continue with our topic looking at the life cycles of animals and plants and investigating the factors that affect seed germination, the mechanics of seed dispersal that different plants have evolved and comparing the life cycles of humans with those of other animals and mammals.

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 in London. Other areas to look at will include Creation stories, the Sabbath and different feast days.



In Art we will be concentrating on creating sketches to record observations and in doing so help to revisit and review ideas. We will also be looking at street art through the eyes of different modern street artists including Banksy.

In French we will be looking at the weather and developing a bank of vocabulary and phrases to use in our spoken and written French. I would also like to remind you that you can access a wealth of interactive games from home on the Language Angels website. Login details with passwords and usernames were sent out before the Easter break. Please encourage your child to log in to the site.

Our Geography topic will continue to focus on the Amazon rainforest and how life in that environment compares with our lives as western Europeans.

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.

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 netball and Gaelic football skills. We will also be taking a group of Year 5 children to a Gaelic football tournament in St Albans later in the term. This is being organised by our local GAA club based in Waltham Cross. In the second half of the term we will concentrate on preparing the children for our annual sports day as we practise the various athletic disciplines. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls or trainers, all clearly labelled.

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 term and they will be based on topics being studied at school.

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.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Gallagher
Blue Class Teacher

