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<u>Summer Newsletter 2016</u> Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely Easter. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In English we will be working in blocks to develop our skills in non-fiction writing and narratives. We will be learning how we can write exciting and descriptive adventure stories and how to persuade readers effectively through persuasive letter writing. We will also be looking at the different vocabulary that poets use in their poems, performing some and writing our own. The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be weekly handwriting and daily phonics and spelling lessons.

In Maths we will be extending our knowledge of number bonds and multiplication tables. We will be working on applying our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in problem solving as well as money problems. We will broaden our knowledge of recognising and manipulating fractions. We will organise and interpret data in a variety of graphs and undertake several practical maths investigations. We will investigate 2D and 3D shapes and their properties as well as measuring and calculating the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes.

In Science we will be learning about how plants grow. We will carry out experiments and investigations to find out the best ways that we can help plants to grow healthily and look at how their different parts help them to develop. In the second part of our term we will be learning about light and shadows and looking for patterns in what happens to them when the light source moves.

In Geography we will be learning about rivers. We will learn about all the stages in the journey of a river, mountains and how rivers help to shape them and the importance of the water cycle.

In History we will be learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will look at the different civilisations and the way they lived. We will explore changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.



In Music we will be exploring rhythmic patterns and recorder lessons will continue. The children will need to remember their recorders on Tuesdays now that our music lessons are on Tuesdays.

In RE we will be learning about the importance of rules and how these influence the way people act. We will learn about how rules guide our everyday routines and lives and shape different faiths. In the second half of the term, we will learn about places of religious importance, the way each place is used and its meaning and significance. On the 12th of May we have an exciting trip to the London Mosque.

In computing children will (a) Plan and create an animation to convey an idea/message and (b) Create digital image/s to convey the same idea/message. After completing the two projects children will compare both projects, considering how well each communicates the central idea/message.

P.E. will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has dark blue T-shirt, plimsolls or trainers and navy shorts clearly labelled. Children may like to bring a cap which must be blue too. Football sessions will start Wednesday 13th April for 6 weeks with a qualified football coach in the afternoon. We are looking forward to another enjoyable day at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre towards the end of term.

This term your child will have spellings each week relating to ones we are learning in class. This will be recorded in the spelling books. Reading is also an important part of your child's homework and they should be bringing their book home to read, along with their record. Try to read and discuss the book at least four times a week. We will also be introducing a project based homework task to extend the children's writing.

We are looking forward to a great term - if there is anything you need to discuss personally with me please arrange an after school appointment with the office as mornings are not always convenient.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Rall Green Class Teacher

