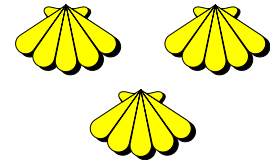


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Summer Newsletter

Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term. Thank you for all your support and hard work with remote learning! 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 be 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 studying William Shakespeare. We will use this study 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 x12, is essential and any opportunity for your child to practise their times tables with speed will be of considerable benefit to them across a range of maths topics.

In Science we will describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will also develop our knowledge of the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Later in the term, the children will describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

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. 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 Computing, 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 focus around journeys and in particular answering the question "Where does all our stuff come from?" The children will find out about the UK's global trade links, investigating where everyday products come from as well as the journeys they take to our homes.

In History we will conduct a local study based around the Victorians; in particular our school building. The children will explore the Victorian period and apply it into its wider context in British history. They will gain an overview of facts about the period and engage with historical sources to make deductions about life in Victorian times.

In P.E. the children will be developing their skills in handball, tag rugby and athletics. Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity to develop their BMX skills (more details to follow.) 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 will be learning French each week using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well investigating French culture.

In Music children will continue to learn to play their string instrument as well as exploring musical history. They will look back and learn some language of music in relation to Motown and Classical forms.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday please. Please ensure your child has their Mathletics, Purplemash and FirstNews passwords in their reading records to complete their homework.

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 discuss.

I look forward to the children having a great term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Green
Class Teacher

