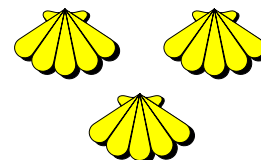


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## Spring Newsletter 2020

Year 5 - Blue Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! 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.

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 explanation writing. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis. ERIC sessions will continue each week, where the children will develop their reading and comprehension skills. The children will continue with Big Writing in order to further develop their independent writing skills. Later 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, 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.

In Science for the first part of the term we will continue our topic on 'Earth and Space' where children will look at how planets in our Solar System are organised and explain how the Earth's movement causes night and day. Our focus will then be on 'Properties and Changes of Materials' where we will look at the how materials can be altered and changed by different processes. We are looking forward to the Science Dome this term and our KNEX day.



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 English topic we will be looking at the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. The children will create their own self portrait inspired by her work.

In Computing, the children will use 3D graphical modelling to create and explore objects. They will evaluate films and animations, going onto create live film or animations for specific audiences.

In History this term, the children will explore the question of why people go on a journey, and look at five very different types of journey in depth. The journeys selected span from the Tudor period to those undertaken today by refugees.

In our Geography unit, the children will learn about the Alpine region of Europe, how the Alps were formed and how homes are adapted to the climate. They will create a storyboard or digital book on mountain formation, design an Alpine home, and produce literature for visitors to the area using geographical vocabulary.

In French, the children will learn how to repeat and recognise the vocabulary for weather in French. They will ask and describe what the weather is like and do a range of activities to extend our speaking, listening and reading skills.

In PE we will be developing our skills within cricket and indoor athletics. 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. Jogging bottoms are needed in the cold weather.

In PSHE, the children will identify what they would like their life to be like when they are grown up. They will learn about a range of jobs carried out by people they know and explore how much people earn in different jobs. They will then identify a job they would like to do when they grow up and understand what motivates them and what they need to do to achieve it.

Mrs Earl and Mr Davis will continue to work with the children to develop their Strings, percussion and singing in Music every Friday.

Spelling and times table work will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday please. Projects will continue this year and they will be based on topics being studied at school. I will give more information on these nearer the time.

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

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 new term with you all.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Collins**  
Class Teacher

