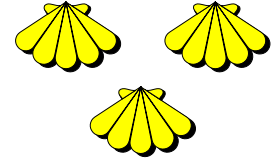


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Summer Newsletter

Year 2 - Yellow Class

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing Easter break. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In Literacy we will be working on creation stories (myths). We will be exploring the story structure and will use what we have learnt to create myths of our own. In our work on poetry we will be looking at how poets use words for effect and linking writing to their own experiences. Our non-fiction topics this term are recounts and explanation texts. The children will explore the features of these two text types and will use them to support their learning in other curriculum areas.

In their reading the children will be focusing on developing their understanding of different types of texts as well as broadening their vocabulary and their understanding of the meaning of words. Reading will continue to be taught through guided reading sessions and we would appreciate it if you could continue to support them by reading for 10 minutes each evening at home. Please remember that the children have access to additional books on 'Bug Club'.

In Numeracy the children will continue to develop their skills when working with the four basic operations and will apply their knowledge to problem solving activities, in particular word and reasoning problems. We will then move on to apply our number skills to different areas of maths, including fractions, money. In fractions the children will learn to find halves, quarters and thirds of objects and numbers and will learn to make comparisons between given fractions. Through the topic of money the children will learn to recognise and add in pounds and pence. They will explore making different amounts using a variety of coins and notes and will be work out the change from a given amount. We will also be developing our knowledge and understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, volume and time. Please help your child to develop their fluency at recalling the number bonds to 100 and their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In science we will be exploring the topic of Materials. The children will learn to identify different materials and their uses, thinking about the properties of each material and why it is suitable for a particular task. They will investigate how we can change the shape of some materials, developing their skills of questioning, observing and data recording. We will also continue to explore plants and animals - growing from seeds and bulbs and exploring how plants and animals change as they grow and what they need to stay healthy.



Our ICT topic this term is 'Visual Information'. Through this topic, the children will explore how ICT can help them to present information and explore the way that questioning can be used to support this. They will explore a range of different tools and develop the skills to select the appropriate tool for a given purpose. They will become more aware of ICT around them and how it can be used.

Mrs Hundley will teach music to the class on Wednesday afternoons where they will be rehearsing for their upcoming Music Festival at the Rhodes Centre on 22nd June, along with other schools in the local area. More details about this will follow in due course.

Our topic this term is The Great Fire of London. In history we will be looking at different ways in which we can find out about the past, thinking about which ones are the most reliable. We will relate this event in history to our previous learning using a simple time line and make comparisons between the past and the present day. To reinforce this learning we will be visited by a representative from the Museum of London. Through DT the children will apply their learning on forces and motion when designing and making their own vehicles. They will be encouraged to use a range of materials and techniques and will evaluate the success of their work, identifying areas for improvement. In geography we will be continuing to look at physical and human features of a locality and will start to explore compass points and directions.

In art we will be looking at the work of Renoir, learning about the painter and the techniques he used. The children will develop skills of adding tints and tones to their art work using a range of media and techniques.

In R.E. our themes will be religious leaders and questions. The children will be looking at leaders in the community and then learning about leaders in different religions. Through 'Questions' they will learn to ask questions as well as respond to them. They will listen sensitively to, and respect, the views of others.

PE will be on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school (dark blue shorts/skorts and T-shirt, dark blue tracksuit and plimsolls or trainers) and that this is clearly labelled. At the end of the term we will be visiting Tolmer's to partake in a range of PE activities.

We advise that your child brings a water bottle to school particularly during the hot weather. Visits to the water fountain are very disruptive during lesson time so we would appreciate your help with this matter. Fresh fruit will be available for the children to eat at morning break.

Yours sincerely

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Yellow Class Teacher

