

Summer Term Class Newsletter

Mrs Knowles' class.

A note from Mrs Knowles

Hello everyone! I hope you had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the lighter nights and warm weather that the summer term should bring! We had a fantastic spring term and it was wonderful to watch the children progress in all aspects of the curriculum and finish the term with a wonderful Easter service. We have lots of exciting topics planned for the summer term such as creating our very own Egyptian scrolls in Art and exploring the Golden Age of Ancient Greece in history. We will also be fundraising for our class cause, 'Kids Against Plastic' where we will be completing a sponsored run. More information will be given out later on in the term. Y4 will also complete their multiplication check in June.

English

We are reading 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna where we will be writing a diary entry in role as a refugee and also a narrative that tells the story of a refugee and their experience of fleeing their home.

This term in class, we are reading...

'The Peculiar Tale of the Tentacle Boy' by Richard Pickard

'Food Chains: Who eats what?' By Sam Hutchinson and Sarah Dennis

'Refugees' by Brian Bilston

These three texts are a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on:

- Decimals
- Time
- Capacity
- Statistics
- Shape
- Money

We will continue to consolidate our times tables across lessons.

Science

In science, we will begin the term with a physics unit focused on sound. The children will explore how sound travels to our ears and will complete an investigation on how the distance a sound has to travel affects the volume.

We will then move on to learning about food chains in our biology unit where we will understand producers and consumers and create our own food chains.

History

In history this term we will be deepening our knowledge of Ancient Greece by exploring the Golden Age, famous Greek philosophers and the Peloponnesian war.

In the second half term we will be learning about Alexander the Great and his conquest of the Persian Empire.

Geography

In geography this term we will be learning all about volcanoes and will explore different types of volcanoes and what happens when they erupt! Pupils will also learn about the layers of the earth and how these link to the formation and eruption of volcanoes.

In the second half of the term we will be learning about climates and biomes and how these differ across the continents of the world.

Other curriculum information:

Homework

Homework will be given out each **Friday** and should be returned before the **following Friday**. The homework will always be linked to something we are studying in class.

Home Reading

Please listen to your child read **at least three times per week** for 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read and need to be in school **every Tuesday** to be checked by Mrs Knott.

TT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

Compulsory homework

Children are expected to complete **20 minutes** of TT Rockstar games which will be set **each week**. This is checked weekly and must be completed by Monday. **Pupils will need to complete this Tuesday dinner time if not completed at home.**

Spellings

Pupils will be given ten spellings to learn every **Tuesday** for a spelling test the following Monday. **The pass mark is 7/10.**

Other curriculum information

Skills Builder- Our focus skills this term are aiming high and problem solving. The children will complete tasks that will support them to develop these skills and be given opportunities in lessons to exercise them.

Art and Design- In art this term, Y3/4 will create their very own ancient scrolls inspired by the Egyptians and will research and analyse the fabric designs of William Morris. In design and technology, the children will develop their textiles skills by exploring how to fasten fabrics together and in the final half term will create their own torches.

Computing – This term, we will continue to focus on online safety and will explore the weather as part of our data handling topic. We will also be learning about how to design a website as part of the topic, 'Creating media'.

PSHE – During this term we will be continuing with the My Happy Mind program where the focus will be 'Engage'. In PSHE We will also be exploring the themes of keeping safe and exploring how we grow and change and will also be learning about economic wellbeing. Y4 will have their first Money Mentors session.

PE- Y3's P.E session will be swimming. Swimming lessons take place on **Monday afternoons**. The correct kit is required and a £2 contribution to the coach each week. Y4 pupils will be doing athletics and tennis with Mr Broughton.

RE – During the first half term, we will be exploring prayer across different faiths in our 'What is prayer topic?' and in the second half term we are researching the different faith communities in our town as part of our 'How are faith communities represented in Wigan?' topic.

Music- Y3 will be developing their singing techniques as part of a topic focused on Vikings and in the second half term they will explore body and tuned percussion during the topic of Rainforests. Y4 will continue with their percussion music lessons with the fabulous Mr Perry! There will be another concert to look forward to for parents in the final half term.

Spanish- This term, we will explore how to talk about pets in Spanish and will continue to develop our phonics knowledge.