

Summer Term Class Newsletter Mrs Knowles' class.

A note from Mrs Knowles

Hello everybody, I hope you had a lovely Easter break and are enjoying the lighter nights and the warm weather that we're having. I can't believe that the summer term is here! We have lots of wonderful things to look forward to this term, such as our exciting Jubilee celebrations in May and our trip to Crucial Crew in June. Of course we also have lots of exciting topics to look forward to in lesson time, such as learning about the Tudor period in history and reading Wonder in English! These are two things that I am very excited about and know that the children will really enjoy too. I know this term will be a great one and I am so happy to have normality back! ☺

English

Throughout the summer term, we are reading 'The Lady of Shalott' by Alfred Tennyson, a poem written in the 1800's. We will be looking at the famous artwork created inspired by the poem and will be unpicking its real meaning. We are also studying 'Wonder' by R. J Palacio where we will be writing a range of pieces such as adverts, narratives and letters.

We are reading... Our class reads for this term will be 'The boy at the back of the class' by Onjila Rauf and 'Simply the quest' by Maz Evans. This is the sequel to 'Who Let the Gods out?'. ☺

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on:

- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Area and perimeter
- Angles and shape

We will be re-capping previous learning across our lessons to ensure we keep our knowledge bubbling from autumn and spring term.

Science

This term, we will be focusing on how our bodies change over time and the importance of nutrients to our health as part of the topic, 'What is my body doing?' We will also be exploring forces and will investigate the question, 'What force does what?'. We will also complete a unit of work on light, where the children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of how light travels and how we are able to see.

History

In history this term we are learning about the Tudors, more specifically, the chronology of this period and the cultures and entertainment people enjoyed during this time

We will be researching about different explorers at this time and what discoveries that they made.

Geography

This term in geography, we will be learning what a river actually is. We will be following the journey of a river from its source to its mouth. Along the way, we will be exploring estuaries, ecosystems, the benefits of living close to the river and the disadvantages. Our study will be around two rivers in the UK, and one river in Bangladesh. We will also be learning about mountains and why they are so important as part of our unit on sustainability and earthquakes.

Other curriculum information:

Remote Learning If your child is required to self-isolate due to Covid 19, you can find the Y5 and Y6 work packs on the school website. The work and expectations are outlined on the document and I will offer further support through Class Dojo.

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.

Other curriculum information

Skills Builder- Our skills this term are Teamwork and Leadership. 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- This term, we will be developing our printing skills in the style of William Morris. Children will be creating their own printing tools using new materials such as lino. Our design and technology topic this term is 'Come dine with me'. This will link nicely to our Jubilee celebrations where the children will be planning and making desserts.

Computing – This term Y5 will complete a unit called 'Big Data 2' where they will be learning about QR codes, barcodes, how data is used and what a smart school is. We will also design and promote a new product in our topic, 'Skills showcase'.

PSHE – 'Health and wellbeing' is the focus of our PSHE lessons this term.

PE- Athletics and orienteering are our two topics in P.E this term.

RE – During the first half term, we will explore how art, poetry and architecture can express beliefs and in the second half term we will be exploring why religious believers see life as a journey.

Music- Our topic this term is 'Livin' on a prayer' where we will be exploring the well-known Bon Jovi song among other well-known rock songs. We will also apply our understanding of musical notation to playing along to the songs using glockenspiels.

French- This term our unit of work is focused on our journeys to school as part of the topic, 'En route por l'ecole' (On the way to school).

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 Feeley.

TT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

Children are expected to complete 20 minutes of TT Rockstar games which will be set each week. Spellings will be given out every Monday for a spelling test the following Monday and will follow the rule we have been learning in class.

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The website has full information about the school's curriculum, class information, school information and copies of previous letters sent out. Messages will be sent home using Class Dojo so please ask your child's teacher for information on how to join up if you haven't already.