

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. It is so nice to have the children back to school and ready to learn. There are a few updates in relation to this term. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Homework

Homework will now be given out in paper form every Thursday. Please can this be returned to school the following Monday ready to be assessed. Homework will consist of spellings and maths. We are asking for spellings to be written in sentences (or in a paragraph) so that we can assess your child's understanding of the vocabulary. Maths will be linked to the topic studied that week in school. Please continue to read with your child at home. Reading books will be given out on a Thursday (to the children following our reading scheme) and they should be returned every Monday. Children who aren't on the scheme should choose their own book to read. Please ensure your child brings their reading diary to school every Monday.

Transition

Currently, we are participating in Teams lessons with Whitworth Park Academy. Both Year 5 and Year 6 are experiencing a range of foundation subject lessons delivered by their teachers. The children have opportunities to ask the teachers questions and gain an understanding of what to expect in Year 7. We are waiting to hear from other comprehensive schools regarding transition events. Due to the current restrictions, this is the best we can provide at this moment in time. Once we find out any further information or updates we will inform you.

Numeracy

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

- Multiplication and division
- Problem solving
- Data handling
- Revision of objectives from assessments

Literacy

Our new topic this term is based around the Titanic. We will be looking at:

- Reading comprehensions
- Non-chronological reports
- Newspaper reports
- Grammar revision

Topic

The children will learn about the Mayan civilization this term. They will be researching all about their way of life and their beliefs. We will be looking at timelines initially and discussing similarities and differences between the past and modern day living.

P.E.

A PE coach will be teaching the children football skills this half term. PE will take place every Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child attends school wearing their full PE kit on these days.

Art/DT

Art work will be closely linked to our Mayan topic. The children will be creating headdresses and mosaics to represent artefacts from the Mayan civilization.

RE

This half term Class 4 will be learning about the religion of Islam. They will be discovering what Islam is and what this religious faith is based on. This will be done through looking at the Five Pillars of Islam. In addition, the children will also be looking at some of the celebrations and ceremonies Muslim families experience.

Science

This unit is based on Properties and Changes of Materials. Children will understand the difference between a variety of materials and how materials can be mixed and dissolved, and reversibly and irreversibly changed. These will be explored through practical activities and scientific enquiries. The unit will be started this half term and continue into the second half of the summer term.

Music

The children will continue to consolidate their understanding of the C, F and Am and Dm chords. They will be introduced to new tunes and will enjoy singing while playing along on the ukuleles.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mowbray & Miss Dodds



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