

Class Two Newsletter

Spring Term 2016



With all the festivities of Christmas over now, it is time to look forward to the Spring Term. I have planned lots of activities that I hope the children will enjoy.

Literacy

This term's literacy will include instructions, traditional tales from a variety of cultures, poetry (based on the senses), stories involving fantasy, recounts, diaries and humorous poems.

Numeracy

This term we will cover topics such as place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, money, 3-d shape, capacity, time, fractions and graphs as well as practising mental arithmetic skills.

- Read and write whole numbers up to 1000.
- Count on or back in 10s, 100s from any two-/three-digit number.
- State subtraction fact corresponding to addition fact and vice versa.
- Recall addition and subtraction facts for each number up to 20.
- Recall pairs of multiples of 100 with a total of 1000.
- Order a set of three-digit numbers
- Derive doubles of whole numbers to 20, corresponding halves.
- Derive near doubles.
- Count on or back in twos. Recognise odd/even numbers to 100.
- Recall multiplication facts in x2, x5, x10 tables and derive division facts.

Every day: practice and develop oral and mental skills (e.g. counting, mental strategies, rapid recall of +, -, x and ÷ facts).

Science

We will learn about Materials and how they can change when they undergo various processes such as being heated or cooled. Later on this term we hope the Science Dome will visit the school, an exciting experience for the children. We will also be learning about plants and how they grow.

Religious Education

We will think about and discuss the school values and how they might affect us in our everyday lives. We will also focus on Christianity, lent and the Easter story.

Topic Work

This term we will learn about the Great Fire of London. Linked to this we will be looking at maps of London, building materials and fire safety.

DT and Art

In D.T. we will be looking at the structure of Tudor houses and making models using a range of materials. In Art we will use a range of media and produce work linked to famous artists or our topic work.

To prevent your child from getting messy when doing art, please could you provide a named painting apron or an old shirt.

P.E.

PE kit is required from Monday to Thursday for indoor and outdoor lessons. It is important that everyone has a change of shoes (that fit properly) because the field is very muddy. An extra top and jogging pants are useful when the weather is very cold.

Please ensure that your child has *fully named* P.E. kit.

Music

Recorder lessons will continue as last term.

Homework

Reading - Read daily and note reading in the reading record.

Mental Arithmetic - concepts as listed.

Homework - There will be optional maths, literacy or topic-related task on the Class blog each week, or occasionally a homework folder will be sent home with a written task. It is often a good opportunity to talk to your child about their school work and discuss any new or tricky vocabulary.

Finally

Thank you to those who have helped in school over the last term, your help and support is most welcome and much appreciated.

I am looking forward to the term ahead and aim to provide the children with some exciting and challenging activities that I hope they will enjoy.

If you have any concerns and need to speak to me I am available after school, although an appointment is advisable. (*not Wednesday or Friday*)

Mrs M. Nixon