



# Matisse Class Newsletter

Term 3 and 4



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and a well-deserved rest. I am sure you are now ready to start the new term.

There will be some changes to the members of staff working with Matisse Class this term. Mrs Kennard will be our full-time teaching assistant, Mrs Witherden will be teaching Music every Tuesday, Mrs Coleman will be teaching literacy on a Tuesday and Mr Sapp will be taking one PE session a week. PE will still be on a Thursday and Friday.

Our topic this term will be 'Wild Weather'. This will incorporate many areas of the curriculum, here is a brief outline of this terms learning:

- Literacy. Our literacy lessons will be using the power of reading books. We will be studying the text in a particular sequence so I ask that this text is not purchased to be read at home, ensuring all pupils are at the same stage in the story that is relevant to their learning. Our first book is 'Leon and The Place Between' by Grahame Baker-Smith. Our main focus with this book will be developing story writing using imagination.
- Numeracy. We will begin this term by revisiting our place value, continuing improving our times tables and moving on to using column method for addition and subtraction.
- Science. We will begin this term by looking at animals including humans. This will include exploring the human skeleton and its function. We will then be moving on to look at rocks.
- History. This term we will be looking at famous volcanoes such as the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and historical earthquakes. We will be looking at witness accounts and using these to understand what happened.
- Geography. We will be using maps to look at world flooding, focusing particularly on the floods in Bangladesh. We will be comparing the floods in different countries to flooding in the UK.
- Art. Our focus this term will be on Andy Warhol's Vesuvius prints. We will be making our own version of this print.
- DT. We will be designing, making, testing and evaluating our own floating Water Gardens which will be linked to our learning about flooding in Geography.
- RE. Our RE topic this term is Christianity. We will be looking at the teachings of Jesus and different parables.

- PE. Please make sure that the correct PE kit is in school ready for lessons on a Thursday and Friday. Long hair must be tied back and jewellery should not be worn.

Home learning will be given in the form of a piece of numeracy and a piece of maths every week. This will be set on Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed, or is not of the expected standard, then children will be expected to attend homework club on Friday lunchtime. We encourage children to take pride in their work, including looking after their books and equipment. Please encourage your child to show the same care with their homework.

Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible. Children should be reading Accelerated Reader books at home as well as at school. This will help to improve their reading but also help them to meet their target on Accelerated Reader.

Upcoming dates:

Term 3

6<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening (3.40 - 6.00pm)

8<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening (5.00 - 7.30 pm)

9<sup>th</sup> February - End of Term 3

10<sup>th</sup> February- Inset day.

Term 4

20<sup>th</sup> February - Start of Term 4

28<sup>th</sup> March - Music Celebration- 2pm. St. Mary's Church.

31<sup>st</sup> March - End of Term 4

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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