



Matisse Class Newsletter

Term 1 and 2



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and a well-deserved rest. I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working together in what I hope will be a challenging but exciting and rewarding year.

In addition to myself, there will be other members of staff working with Matisse Class. Mrs Kennard will be our full-time teaching assistant, Mrs Eglinton will be teaching French, Mr Sapp will be taking one PE session a week and we will also have one music session a week that will be taught by Mrs Witherden. PE will be on a Thursday and Friday this year.

Our topic this term will be 'Explore, Uncover, Discover'. This will incorporate many areas of the curriculum, so 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 'The Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells. Our main focus with this book will be developing the use of descriptive language in our writing.
- Numeracy. We will begin this year by consolidating our place value knowledge, improving our times tables and moving on to using column method for addition and subtraction.
- Science. We will begin this year by looking at forces and magnets. This will include exploring how things move on different surfaces and when magnets repel and attract each other. Then we will be moving on to look at light.
- History. The first half of the term will be spent looking at changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This will include looking at the development of tools through this time period and discussing Stonehenge. The final half of the term will be focused on the Egyptians. We will be covering the building of the Pyramids and the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb.
- Geography. We will be using maps to look at the location of Egypt and the places that surround it. We will also be focusing on the position and importance of the River Nile.

- Art/Design. We will be designing and making tools inspired by the Stone Age, as well as making and painting our own Papyrus paper. We will finish off the term by making and decorating our own Mummy.
- RE. Our RE topic this term is Judaism, this will incorporate a range of activities and stories to learn about the Jewish faith.
- 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:

Friday 30th September- Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church 2pm.

Wednesday 19th October- Parent's Evening 3.40 -6.00 p.m

Thursday 20th October- Parent's Evening 5.00 -7.30 p.m

Friday 21st October- Inset day.

Monday 31st October-Term 2 begins.

Wednesday 21st December- Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church 2pm

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you all this year!

Miss Shufflebotham