

Monet Class Newsletter September 2016

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely time over the Summer Break and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year.

I hope you are looking forward to the year ahead and us continuing to work together in what I hope will be another productive and exciting year. I hope your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that year 6 brings.

Our timetable in Monet class will not seem too dissimilar to those you have already seen in previous years; either Mr Juden or Mrs Holton will take the class for PE on a Thursday afternoon (for those participating in the swimming sessions this will be when Mr Sapp will take you) Mrs Eglinton will continue to teach French on a Thursday afternoon. On a Tuesday afternoon the children will have music and this will be taught by both Mrs Witherden and myself in sessions we hope the children will thoroughly enjoy!

Our PE sessions will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind pupils of the importance of having the correct PE uniform and shoes each week: Blue shorts, white t-shirt, black plimsolls and optional trainers, no earrings and for the Winter months only a plain tracksuit may be worn for outside PE. Parents will be contacted if their child does not have the correct uniform or PE kit.

With the ambition of working in partnership with you to support the progression of your child's learning throughout the year the following provides a brief outline of the teaching and learning that will take place within terms 1 and 2 surrounding our overall topic of 'Explore, uncover, discover'. We will begin by exploring the Stone Age and will then move onto looking at Ancient Egypt. We will be incorporating as many areas of the curriculum as possible into this, so here is a brief outline of this term's learning:

- **Literacy**- Our literacy lessons this year will continue to work alongside the power of reading scheme. This will therefore mean that in each term, we will focus on a different book. 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 will be 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling. Our main focus this term will be the use of descriptive and specifically chosen vocabulary within writing, speaking and listening skills, punctuation and exploring texts and characters with an in-depth and critical eye.
- **Numeracy**-We begin the year consolidating the use of the place value (up to 6 digit numbers) to aid progression throughout the other topics in mathematics, as well as moving forward with place value through the use of decimals and money. We will also be revisiting formal methods of subtraction, addition, multiplication and division, and using measures to support our use of decimal numbers within the four operations. There will continue to be a great focus on reasoning and problem solving due to the new National Curriculum.
- **Science**- In science this term we will be focusing on 'Living things and their habitats' within this topic we will be describing how living things are classified into broad groups and we will develop our reasons as to why we classify plants and animals in certain ways.
- **Topic**- As previously mentioned our topic theme is 'Explore, uncover, discover'. This



will form the basis for our afternoon work in geography, history, art, music and DT. Computing will be used to enhance learning within this subject area but will also be taught separately so that computer programming can be taught in accordance with the new curriculum.

- **RE-** The term 1 scheme of work focuses on Christianity. Our RE sessions will involve us reflecting on the Bible: What it is and how Christians use the Bible. We will also be exploring the Old and New Testament in more detail.



HOME LEARNING-

Homework will follow the same pattern as last year meaning the children will be set a piece of numeracy and literacy homework each week. The homework will be set on Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. Home learning will be reviewed frequently to ensure consistency. If homework is not completed children will need to attend homework club.

Reading: As always, your support of the school will be truly valued and I ask that you read at least 15 minutes a night with your child. Reading a variety of texts within year 6 is extremely beneficial. Your child will also have been given a contact book. The main purpose of this book is for you and your child to record their nightly reading (Name of Book, author, pages read). However, it may be used to write book reviews, comments about the book and any non-vital information that may need to be passed to the school.

Spellings: Will continue to follow a set pattern this year and will require the children to practice and apply the spellings both at home and in school.

Upcoming dates:

TERM 1

September 30th – Harvest Festival: St. Mary's Church 2pm

October 19th – Parent's Evening 3.40-6.00pm

October 20th – Parent's Evening 5-7.30pm

October 20th - End of term 1

TERM 2

October 21st – INSET DAY

October 31st – Start of term 2

December 21st – End of term 2

As always, some dates may be subject to change or others added as the school diary fills up. The school will endeavour to notify you of these changes either through letters regarding the event, via text message or through the website.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the information in this newsletter, or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to the year ahead and hope that we can have another successful year like last year!

Kind regards, Miss Young



