

# Monet Class Newsletter January 2017

I want to start by saying I hope you all had a lovely time over the Christmas break and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to working with you all again this coming term and I hope you all are looking forward to an enjoyable but hard working term ahead.

Our class timetable has changed slightly from last term; we will now have PE on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. We will continue to have music on a Tuesday afternoon but Mrs Coleman will now teach topic on a Tuesday afternoon instead of PE.

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 3 and 4 surrounding our overall topic of 'Wild weather'. 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. Our book this term will be 'There's a boy in the girls bathroom' by Louis Sachar. 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 this term looking at applying our mathematical knowledge to reasoning and problem solving. After that we will revisit formal methods of subtraction, addition, multiplication and division, and using measures to support our use of decimal numbers within the four operations. We will then move on to explore shape; in particular circles and end with statistics. 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 Light. During this topic we will be recognising that light appears to travel in straight lines. We will use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. We will also explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.
- **Topic**- As previously mentioned our topic theme is 'Wild weather'. 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 3 scheme of work focuses on Sikhism. This term the children will be introduced to: Sikhism, Guru Nanak, The Ten Gurus, The Guru Granth Sahib, The Gurdwara.



## HOME LEARNING-

Homework will continue to follow the same pattern as last term 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.

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 3

6<sup>th</sup> February- Parents Evening (3.30-6.00pm)  
7<sup>th</sup> February- Safer internet day  
8<sup>th</sup> February- Parents Evening (5.00- 7.30pm)  
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  
22<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 6 start of Bikeability  
28<sup>th</sup> March – Music celebration 2pm St Mary's Church  
31<sup>st</sup> March – End of Term 4

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 term ahead and hope you do too!

Kind regards, Miss Young

