



Picasso Class Newsletter

Terms 3 & 4 2017

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas break. I am looking forward to a challenging year full of new, exciting opportunities and lots of hard work.

Our topic this term is 'Wild Weather'. Below, I have outlined what Picasso will be learning during terms 3 and 4. We will be integrating as many areas of the curriculum as possible into this topic.

- **History** - We will be using a range of sources to find out information about Pompeii and the Mount Vesuvius eruption. We will also be investigating the San Francisco earthquakes of 1906 and 1989.
- **Geography** - We will be comparing a range of geographical characteristics across countries to find out why and how climates differ and 'wild weather' is caused.
- **Art and Design** - Andy Warhol's Vesuvius print will be the focus of our art lessons this term - we will re-create this print using a range of different techniques including using Polyblocks and ICT.
- **Design Technology** - The children will make a model of an erupting volcano and will be investigating how pneumatic systems work and incorporating this into their designs.
- **ICT** - This term, we will be 'communicating' in ICT which will include using a range of programmes such as Powerpoint to communicate information to others and using coding to send instructions to technological objects.
- **Music** - Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Witherden.
- **RE** - This term in RE we will be studying Christianity, we will look at the Bible as a story and learn its chronology through a range of investigations, questions and discussions.
- **PE** - We have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school every day. Earrings should not be worn and long hair must be tied back.
- **Literacy** - This term we are reading a new book called, 'The Shadow Keeper'. This book is an enigmatic and engaging mystery novel which I am sure the children are going to love! A range of writing opportunities will be created from this book including a mix of fiction and non-fiction writing. 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. Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) is a huge focus and alongside daily SPAG teaching, will continue to be a focus throughout the day and in each piece of written work.
- **Numeracy** - We will be developing the use of the formal written methods of multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. We will be looking at measures, our use of decimal numbers within the four operations. We will be continuing to emphasise reasoning and explaining mathematically.
- **Science** - We will be studying properties and changes of materials and children will develop a deeper understanding of solids, liquids and gasses. They will do this through

exploring and talking about their ideas; asking their own questions about scientific phenomena; and analysing functions, relationships and interactions more systematically.

Home learning

Thank you for all of your support with homework so far! We will be continuing to set maths, literacy and spelling homework each Friday which will be due in the following Wednesday. We are hoping for 100% of our class to have handed in homework on time this term. Please ensure this is a top priority.

As well as this, all children should be reading at home every night and we do ask that children are bringing in their reading books to school daily.

<u>Dates for your diary!</u>	
Feb	
6	Parents' Evening 3:40-6:00pm
7	Safer Internet Day
8	Parents' Evening 5:00-7:30pm
9	End of Term 3
10	INSET Day
20	Start of Term 4
March	
28	Music Celebration - 2pm at St. Mary's Church
31	End of Term 4

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.

Best wishes,

Miss Miller