

Picasso Class Newsletter

Terms 5 & 6 2017



Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. I look forward to working alongside you again for a challenging, exciting and rewarding summer term.

Mr Kent a student teacher from Canterbury Christ Church University will be with us during term 5 and 6.

Our topic this term is 'Our Local Environment'. Below, I have outlined what Picasso will be learning during terms 5 and 6. We will be integrating as many areas of the curriculum as possible into this topic.

- **History** - We will be looking at our school throughout the ages and discovering how it has changed through key periods of history such as: the Victorian times, WW1 and WW2.
- **Geography** - In geography, we will be looking at the human geography and land use in Newington through activities such as: visiting local amenities and finding out what makes people like living in Newington, investigating farming in Newington and looking at trade links.
- **Art and Design** - We are focussing our art work this term around Newington Church and using a variety of different sketching, collage and painting techniques to bring the church alive on paper!
- **Design Technology** - The children will be designing and making a flag to represent Newington, they will use textiles and will learn a variety of different stitching techniques to make their flag.
- **ICT** - This term, we will be 'programming' in ICT; we will be using a variety of different computer programming tools and websites to control objects through algorithms.
- **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. If your child is swimming this term, please ensure appropriate swimwear is brought with them on the correct day.
- **Literacy** - This term we are reading a new book called, 'Survivors'. This book is an incredible, non-fiction text filled with a wide range of awe-inspiring stories about real people who have taken on life-changing adventures. 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 continue to develop the children's reasoning skills; we will be ensuring that all children are engaged in a wide variety of mathematical challenges and investigations. These investigations will push the children to use an assortment of mathematic skills in one question. We will be developing the children's understanding of percentages, decimals and fractions as well as solving number problems and continuing to challenge and develop the use of the four operations.
- **Science** -We will investigate the question 'Does all life start as an egg?' and develop their knowledge further by finding out about life cycles of plants and animals.

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. 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>		
May	1	May Bank Holiday
	26	Pentecost service at the Church 2.00pm
	26	End of Term 5
June	5	Inset Day, no children to attend
	6	Start of Term 6
	14	Sports afternoon
	21	Reserve Sports afternoon
July	4 th and 5 th	Production Performance (more details to follow re tickets)
	6 th	Inset Day, no children to attend
	17	KS2 Trip to Kent Life Heritage Farm Park
	21	Leavers Service at the Church (2 pm)
	21	End of Term 6

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