

Nash Class Newsletter

Term 5 and 6 2016

A warm welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely break and are looking forward to the final two terms.

This term our topic will be 'Local Study'. We will be incorporating as many areas of the curriculum into this, so here is a brief outline of this terms learning:

- **History** – We will be focusing on the village of Newington and delving into its past and the changes it has gone through.
- **Geography** – We will be exploring the local area, using maps and carrying out field work on the human features of our surrounding area.
- **Art and Design** - Art and Design will be centred around creating pieces of art work based on the local environment.
- **Design Technology** – Children will be using a variety of skills to create a small cart. They will also learn how to sew a hessian bag to put in their cart in honour of the local farming heritage.
- **Music** – We will be exploring a variety of instruments focusing on pitch and tone.
- **P.E.** – P.E. will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and that it is in school every day. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings taken out. Mr Sapp will be taking one of the P.E. sessions.
- **Computing** – The children will continue to use computing skills based around coding as well as using computers to conduct research.
- **Literacy** – In Literacy we will be using all the fantastic skills learnt throughout the year to create a varied selection of writing.
- **Maths** - In maths this term we will continue working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, but will also be focusing on fractions, time and statistics.
- **Science** - Our Science topic for this term is 'Living things including humans'. The children will be finding out about offspring of a variety of animals, how humans develop and change and what we can do to keep healthy and look after ourselves.
- **Personal development** – Children will be preparing for the end of the year and understanding change and moving on.

Home learning:

Maths and Literacy: A piece of maths and literacy work will be sent home each week on a Friday. This should be completed and returned on or by Wednesday each week, so that it can be marked. Children who have not completed their tasks at home will need to complete these in school during a lunchtime.

Reading: Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible, they will be given a new reading book and an accelerated reader book every week. Children will need to complete an accelerated reader quiz once they have finished their book. They will also have the opportunity to read to an adult at school at least twice a week, every week.

KS1 SATS

As I am sure you are aware, in Year 2 your child will be taking their KS1 SATS. These consist of reading, maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar tests. We will be carrying these out during May. The children will be completing them as part of their normal lessons and will not really see them as tests, but as tasks, as we try to have quite an informal approach. I have ensured that the tasks are spread out so the children have sufficient breaks.

Dates for the calendar: Some dates may be subject to change. If this occurs, we will endeavour to notify you at the earliest possibility.

1st May- Bank Holiday

26th May- Pentecost Church Service - 2pm

26th May- End of term.

5th June- Inset day, no children to attend

6th June- Start of term 6

14th June- Sports afternoon (21st June- reserve Sports afternoon)

3rd July – KS1 trip to Kent Life Heritage Farm Park

6th July- Inset day, no children to attend

21st July- Leavers service 2pm End of term 6

Useful websites to use at home

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

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

Kind regards, Miss Keers