



Monet Class Newsletter April 2017

I want to start by saying I hope you all had a lovely time over the Easter break and are ready for an enjoyable but hard working term ahead.

I would like to just take this opportunity to thank the children for their continued hard work over the last couple of terms. I hope that this effort and hard work is replicated this term!

With the SATS a matter of weeks away our main focus for the coming weeks will be working together as a class to revise and re-visit previous learning. I want to ensure that all the children feel as confident as they can be going into the SATS. I am running SATS booster sessions after school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday focusing on reading, math and SPAG. If pupils or parents have any queries or concerns about the SATS please feel free to speak to me or write a note in the contact book.

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 5 and 6 surrounding our overall topic of 'Our local environment'. 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**- For the start of this term we will be moving away from our usual literacy lessons where a novel forms the basis of our lessons and instead we will be covering a wide of range of genre's within writing. This means that the children will be required to think about the structure and language of different types of writing. For example, pieces of description, balanced arguments, persuasive writing and story writing. The children will need to demonstrate that they can use a variety of clause structures, punctuation, adverbials and vocabulary within their writing.
 - **Numeracy**-For the next few weeks our math sessions will seem a little different to what the children have been used to. As previously mentioned, the SATS will be taking place in a few weeks, so with this in mind, our math lessons will be revision sessions where we will be re-capping and consolidating previous knowledge. We will have a particular focus on multi-step, reasoning and logic problems.
 - **Science**- The focus in science for Term 6 will be 'Animals including humans'. This will involve the children exploring the impact diet, exercise and lifestyle has on the way our body functions. They will be required to describe the ways in which the nutrients and water are transported within animals including humans. They will also look to be able to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart.
 - **Topic**- As previously mentioned our topic theme is 'Our local environment. 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**- In Term 5 the children will be re-visiting Sikhism, thinking about the 5 K's and answering big questions. They will end the term by thinking about Christianity and what Pentecost is. In Term 6 the children will be looking at Christianity again- this time
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they will be thinking about the values people follow when living a Christian life.

HOME LEARNING-

For the next couple of weeks the children will not be set homework. Instead the children will be asked to use the time they would usually spend doing homework revising ready for the SATS. They could look over their revision books and practice spellings, SPAG or math. Once the SATS are complete homework will return to usual and 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.

SATs week timetable and Breakfast Club



Monday 8 May 2017	English reading
Tuesday 9 May 2017	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

We do need all children attending school for these tests as they cannot be taken on another date unless under extreme illness or circumstances. If children are mildly unwell they should come in and take the test and can then go home afterwards if necessary.

We will be offering a breakfast club starting at 8am free of charge for the year 6 children on the four morning of SATs. A simple selection of cereals, fruit, toast etc will be on offer. We hope that by encouraging the children to come in early, they will feel settled and prepared for a 9am start to the SATs tests. This is optional and if you would like your child to attend please complete the form attached by Friday 28th April. We are unable to offer it for siblings due to numbers.

Upcoming dates:

TERM 5

25th April- PGL parent meeting at LHS (3.45pm)
8th May – Year 6 SATS week
22nd May- PGL residential trip Year 6
26th May- End of Term 5

TERM 6

5th June- INSET DAY
6th June- Start of Term 6
7th July – INSET DAY
21st July – End of Term 6

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

I would like my child to attend SATs breakfast club. Name of child.....

I would like my child to attend on (please tick below the days below)

- Monday 8th May
- Tuesday 9th May
- Wednesday 10th May
- Thursday 11th May

My child has the following allergies.....
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Signed Date:.....

