



Matisse Class Newsletter

Term 5 and 6



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and a well-deserved rest. I am sure you are now ready to start the new term.

Staff will be the same with Matisse Class this term. Mrs Kennard will be our full-time teaching assistant, Mrs Witherden will be teaching Music every Tuesday, Mrs Coleman will be teaching literacy on a Tuesday and Mr Sapp will be taking one PE session a week. PE will still be on a Thursday and Friday.

Our topic this term will be 'Our Local Area'. This will incorporate many areas of the curriculum, here is a brief outline of this terms learning:

- Literacy. Our literacy lessons will be using the power of reading books. We will be studying the text in a particular sequence so 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. Our first book is 'Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley. Our main focus with this book will be developing imaginative writing and descriptions.
- Numeracy. We will begin this term by revisiting our place value, continuing improving our times tables and move on to looking at some new ways of multiplying and dividing numbers.
- Science. We will be spending both term 5 and 6 looking at plants. This will include looking at the life cycle of a plant, investigating the functions of the parts of a plant and having a go at growing plants of our own!
- History. This term we will be looking at the history of Newington including the train station, the history of the school and looking at what the village was like during the war.
- Geography. We will be using maps to look at where Newington is in the country, looking at farming in the village and comparing Newington to other places.
- Art. Our focus this term will be on sketching techniques and watercolour painting.
- DT. We will be sewing this term in DT. The children will be sewing a replica of an important village landmark.
- RE. We will be starting this term by looking at Islam, then moving on to Christianity. Our focus in Christianity will be Pentecost.
- PE. Please make sure that the correct PE kit is in school ready for lessons on a Thursday and Friday. Long hair must be tied back and jewellery should not be worn.

Home learning will be given in the form of a piece of numeracy and a piece of maths every week. This will be set on Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed, or is not of the expected standard, then children will be expected to attend homework club on Friday lunchtime. We encourage children to take pride in their work, including looking after their books and equipment. Please encourage your child to show the same care with their homework.

Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible. Children should be reading Accelerated Reader books at home as well as at school. This will help to improve their reading but also help them to meet their target on Accelerated Reader.

Upcoming dates:

Term 5

1st May- Bank Holiday

26th May- Pentecost Church Service - 2pm

26th May- End of term.

Term 6

5th June- Inset day, no children to attend

6th June- start of term

14th June- Sports afternoon

21st June- reserve Sports afternoon

4th-5th July- Production performance (more details re tickets will follow)

6th July- Inset day, no children to attend

19th July - KS2 Trip to Kent Life Heritage Farm Park

21st July- Leavers service 2pm

21st July- End of term.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Shufflebotham