

# Angelico Class Newsletter April 2017

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break.

The timetable will be staying the same in Angelico.

Below you will find a brief review of this term's learning outline in Literacy, Numeracy and Science:

## *Literacy*

This term we will be focusing on The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. Through these sessions we will aim to read and discuss a book that is set in another country, exploring the themes of friendship and loyalty; appreciating how a character changes through the course of a story.

## *Numeracy*

We will be beginning this term looking at multiplication, division and measures. Later in the term, we will be looking at: data handling, converting between different units of measure and calculating different measures. As with last term there will still be a focus on reasoning and problem solving to develop a conceptual understanding of mathematics.

## *Science*

In science this term we will be looking at Electricity, learning all about electrical circuits and test materials ability to conduct electricity. Through the term we will be using switches to open and close circuits, looking at common conductors and insulators.

## *Topic, DT and Art*

This term our topic is 'The Local Area'. In these sessions we will be looking in detail

at the local through exploring Newington in detail. Geography will include a number of trips into the village to conduct investigations about the different types of houses that are in the village, the local train station and the agricultural aspects of Newington. In History, we will look closely at the school itself and how it has changed over the years. This will include a guest speaker coming in to meet the children. In Art, the class will using and developing a variety of sketching and brush techniques to produce shapes, textures, patterns and lines. DT will involve a textile project, where by the children choose a local landmark of Newington to design and make a replica using textile techniques. Computing will be taught as a separate subject in line with the new curriculum.

## *RE*

In term 5 we will be looking at the five pillars of Islam and term 6 completing activities based on our school Christian values of Welcoming, Forgiving, Generous and Flourishing.

## *French, Music and PE*

French will be taught by myself on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Witherden will still be taking Angelico for music on a Tuesday where children continuing to master the recorder. PE will still take place on a Tuesday and Friday, so please could you make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit in school.



## Home Learning

Children will be set a piece of numeracy and literacy homework each week with the week's topic in that area in mind. This will be set on a Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday. Home learning is reviewed regularly to ensure each individual's understanding. I would encourage children to complete their homework on time and with appropriate effort and presentation. Unfortunately, if homework is not completed children would be required to attend homework club.

### *Reading*

Reading is an important part of a child's development and your support is truly valued. I ask that you spend 15 minutes each evening listening to your child read. Choosing books for children to read can often prove a difficult task so please do not hesitate to discuss this with me, I am more than happy help in this area. Children will have a reading book that links to Accelerated Reader at an appropriate book level. Your child will also be given a contact book. The main purpose for this book is for you to record their reading (name of book, author, pages read and any comments about their reading you think would be of help). It may also be used to write any information, comments or concerns you may want to raise.

### *Spelling*

Spelling tasks will require children to practice the correct spelling of words and to apply these both at home and at school.

### *Numeracy*

Times table and mental arithmetic tests will be completed weekly.

## Dates for the calendar:

### Term 5

1<sup>st</sup> May- Bank Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> May- Pentecost Church Service - 2pm

26<sup>th</sup> May- End of term of term 5

### Term 6

5<sup>th</sup> June- Inset day, no children to attend

6<sup>th</sup> June- Start of term of term 6

14<sup>th</sup> June- Sports afternoon

21<sup>st</sup> June- reserve Sports afternoon

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 production performance (more details re tickets will follow)

6<sup>th</sup> July- Inset day, no children to attend

19<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Trip to Kent Life Heritage Farm Park

21<sup>st</sup> July- Leavers service 2pm

21<sup>st</sup> July- End of term.

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

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

Kind regards,

Mr Hart