



# Monet Class Newsletter

## January 2018



I want to start by saying I hope you all had a lovely time over the Christmas break and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to working with you all again this coming term and I hope you all are looking forward to an enjoyable but hard working term ahead.

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 3 and 4 surrounding our overall topic of 'The American Dream'. 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**- This term we will continue to follow the power of reading schemes of work. Our first book of the term will be 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd. Our main focus this term will be the use of descriptive and specifically chosen vocabulary within writing, speaking and listening skills, punctuation and exploring texts and characters with an in-depth and critical eye.
- **Numeracy**-We begin this term consolidating the use of place value; specifically 6 digit numbers to aid progression throughout the other topics in mathematics, as well as moving forward with place value through the use of decimals and money. We will also be looking at formal methods of multiplication and division as well as fractions and percentages.
- **Science**- In science this term we will be focusing on 'All living things' within this topic we are going to be exploring plants and their life cycle as well as the life cycle of mammals. We will then move on to properties and changes of materials in term 4.
- **Topic**- As previously mentioned our topic theme is 'The American Dream'. This will form the basis for our afternoon work in geography, history, art 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 curriculum.

### HOME LEARNING-

This term will be the same as last term in that the children will be given at least one piece of literacy and numeracy work a week. The homework will still be handed out on a Friday and I expect it in the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed, children will be required to go to 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 5 is extremely beneficial. Choosing different books can sometimes be difficult so please do not hesitate to discuss this with me. I am more than happy to help provide books, so your child can always ask for a book they would like to take home, as long as they are brought in every day. Can I remind the children that they should be bringing in their contact book every day with a record of what they have read (Name of Book, author, pages read).

Spellings: We will continue to follow the set pattern for spellings this term, which will require the children to practice and apply spellings both at home and in school.

Upcoming dates:

**TERM 3**

**Term 4**

**February 2nd– Mid-year reports sent home**

**February 19th - Start of term 4**

**February 6th- Safer Internet Day**

**February 6th – Parent’s Evening 3.40-6.00pm**

**February 8th – Parent’s Evening 5-7.30pm**

**February 9th – Inset day and End of Term 3**

As always, some dates may be subject to change or others added as the school diary fills up. The school will endeavor 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.

Kind regards, Mrs. Spencer