



Class 3 Summer 1 Information for Parents



Date: 25th April 2017

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back!

Although there is a week of SATs this term, I would like to emphasise that teaching will continue as normal. I will obviously be needed in the hall to support Year 6s during SATs week but I will plan an isolated maths and English week whilst this is happening. The Y5s also have aspects such as times tables and SMIRFs that we can give significant focus to without the Y6s there. Ultimately, it's only between an hour and hour and half for four days. Afternoons will continue as they have done all year so children's learning will not be affected in any way.

Mental maths, practical maths and times tables

Y5 children should continue to keep times tables up to 12x12 as their focus for the summer term (as I brought up with most parents at the last parents evening children are supposed to have achieved this by the end of Y4 on the new curriculum so children should be putting in extra practise at home); those that are confident should also focus on tables such as 13, 14, 15 (15s are particularly useful as they help with time), square and cubed numbers. Children will also be practising mental maths skills in school using our new Headstart mental maths. Both Y5 & Y6 children will continue working through their SMIRFs, some of the Y6s are well on their way to reaching the Milky Way (final target) so that's great (Big congratulations to Jan who achieved it last term). Finally all the children will be getting an extra 10 minutes of maths after play each day when we do our practical maths.



Reading

A few children need to return their library books so I will not be doing library the first week back till all have been collected in. There is a tiny few who did not change their reading book last half term so I will be having a bit of a reading focus this half term! Once again, I wrote in children's planners which reading colour level children should be reading before the holidays as I still had two children reading colour bands too easy for them-please check your child is reading the correct level, challenge is important.

Class Routines

Nothing has changed: children should remember that PE lessons are on Mondays and Fridays this term and that a **full PE kit** is necessary for both these sessions **and trainers for both sessions**.

Punctuality is still essential; lessons begin at 8.50; doors open at 8.40 giving children plenty of time to register etc. at the beginning of the day.

Homework

Homework will continue to be **set on Monday** and collected on **Friday** for **Y5** and **I am adding times-tables tests as part of this homework beginning with 2,5,10 combined test 28th April**; after SATs **Y6s** are having the well-earned rest from homework that I promised them (apart from learning their lines when parts are given out!) Y5s will continue as normal till the end of the summer-those children in Y5 who regularly don't do homework will now be sent to homework club on Thursdays to get them prepared for Y6 expectations on homework.



Planners

It is the children's responsibility to make sure their planner is used effectively and that it is in school every day. It can also serve as a means of communication between the school and home. Because I will not see everyone's book on a daily basis, if there is a note for me then your child must be aware that he/she needs to bring it to my attention



Maths: place value and calculations, time and geometry and mental maths skills will be the main maths focus for this half term, there will also be extra practical maths learning as mentioned earlier. The whole school is taking part in an 'Inspirational Maths' week the last week of half term, children will be making t-shirts to wear for their inspirational lessons (look out for a separate letter nearer the time).

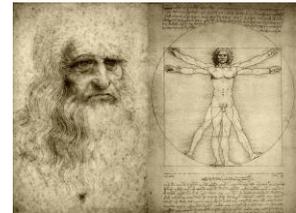


English: The English this half term will link largely to our topic; the topic is Time Travel with a focus on famous people. The children need to study a classic fiction book as part of the new curriculum so the text I will be using is H G Wells 'The Time Machine'. The children also need to do some further written work on using the passive voice so we will begin with newspaper reports based on a short animation also entitled 'The Flying Machine'.

Our main topic this term will be 'Time travel-famous people':



Through **History** children will focus on great artists through time, this will link in to our **ART** topic which will focus on Leonardo Da Vinci and our **music** lessons -famous composers. Science will also link in to the Da Vinci theme (see below).



Our **science** topic will focus on 'Living Things and their Habitat'. Children will explore life cycles of plants, insects, amphibians, birds and mammals as wells as look at classification. We will use the outdoors and some of outdoor learning will link to this. I will also be linking it to Da Vinci with his anatomy and scientific drawings by having children create their own e.g. when we look at flowering plants children will do botanical water colours.



Our other subject areas are:

- **RE** –These lessons will be led by Mrs Dunn on Thursday afternoons and will focus on 'How do people express their ideas about God?'
- **Music** –To link with our time travel and famous people theme we will look at Great Composers as well as beginning to learn production songs the last couple of weeks before half term.
- **Monday PE with Mr Warriner**–will be Athletics
- **Friday PE with Miss Goodchild**- will be Cricket (**outdoor kit WITH TRAINERS for both PE sessions**).
- **Computing**–Computing will continue to be used extensively in years 5/6 to aid our learning in many subjects but ch'n will also have an hour's dedicated computing skills time. This half term learning will cover: multimedia
- **Outdoor learning**_ Children will be working on the new planters around the outdoor classroom as part of a community-linked project.
- **French** – we will continue to progress through aspects of the French language, following the NYCC coverage, Y5 will study 'Vive le temp libre' and Y6 will study 'Tour de France'.
- **PSHCE**- The theme will focus on another of the British Values and also one of our school values: Respect.



Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

It's a short half term-only 5 weeks, we'll be busy!

Miss Goodchild

sowing seeds ~ bearing fruit ~ harvesting potential