



# Autumn 2017 Class Newsletter South Africa

Class Teacher: Ms Frances

## Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new term in store. Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering and some helpful points to note.

### Theme for the term - London Calling

We will be learning all about our capital city, beginning with London during World War 2 and then going on to look at the history from each decade up until the present day!

**Literacy** - Here are the main themes we will follow during the term:

Week beginning	Theme
04.09.17	Getting to know you activities, kennings
11.09.17 to 25.09.17	Historical stories
02.10.17 to 18.10.17	Information and Explanation texts; Instructions linked to DT project
	<b>Half term</b>
30.10.17 to 06.11.17	Recounts; Evacuee day
13.11.17 to 20.11.17	Stories with flashbacks
27.11.17 - 04.12.17	Independent Project linked to history
11.11.17	Assessment week
18.12.17	Christmas based activities

**Numeracy** - Work will always be differentiated to suit the needs of the child. Shape, Space and Measure elements will be taught by Mrs Robinson on a Friday.

Week beginning	Theme
04.09.17	Pre assessments
11.09.17	Number and place value, decimals and written addition
18.09.17	Addition and perimeter
25.09.17 - 2.10.17	Subtraction including money

09.10.17	Post assessments
16.10.17	Multiplication and area
	<b>Half Term</b>
30.10.17	Multiplication and area
06.11.17 to 13.11.17	Division including money
20.11.17 to 27.11.17	Fractions and shape
04.12.17 to 11.12.16	Assessments, mixed calculations
18.12.17	Shape, position and direction; Christmas activities

**Science** - We will study two main themes this term: Electricity and Light. Science will be taught by Mrs Robinson on a Friday.

Week beginning	Theme/Objectives covered
04.09.17	Assessment
11.09.17	ELECTRICITY: Symbols
18.09.17	Brightness of bulb; loudness of buzzer
25.09.17	Investigating switches
02.10.17	Anderson shelters and air raid sirens
09.10.17 and 16.10.17	Investigation
	<b>Half term</b>
30.10.17	LIGHT: Straight Lines
06.11.17	Mirrors
13.11.17	Periscopes
20.11.17 and 27.11.17	Investigation - changing the size of a shadow
04.12.17	Shadow Puppet theatre
11.12.17	Shadow Puppet theatre performances.

**Computing** - We will be revising eSafety through the following units:

- Talking safely online
- Super Digital Citizen
- Privacy Rules
- What's Cyberbullying?
- Selling Stereotypes.

Finally, we will be producing work using multi-media for our Independent Project.

**R.E.** - The children will learn about Christianity through three units:

- What does it mean if God is holy and loving?
- Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?
- Was Jesus the Messiah?

These lessons will be shared with South Africa Class.

**PSHCE** - We will cover two SEAL units which are 'New Beginnings' and 'Relationships'. We will begin Sex Education just before half term and more information will follow on this in due course.

**Art** - This will be taught by Mrs Robinson. The children will learn about pencil sketching and link their art work to WW2 and Blitz Art.

**Music** - The children will have a go at writing a song based on their research of WW2 songs. They may have the opportunity to go to the Weald for music enrichment either this term or Spring term.

**D&T** - The children will be design and make an Anderson Shelter.

**P.E.** - The children will need their P.E. kits on **Tuesday** and **Friday** each week. Please ensure the kit is named. One session will be based outdoors (weather permitting - Friday) and one session indoors (Tuesday - gymnastics). Outdoor sessions will cover football and netball. Children will need P.E. shirts and shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors.

**Important dates for Japan class:**

- Newhaven Fort Visit - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. TBC More information to follow.
- Meet the Teacher - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm
- Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education meeting for parents 3.30pm 04.10.17
- Half term: Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October.
- Inset: 30.10.17
- End of term: 20.12.17

**Homework:**

- Reading logs - please ensure your child reads to you weekly and this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading and dialogue between home and school. They will be collected in and marked every Thursday but should be in school every day.
- Times Tables - these will be sent home on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday.
- Weekly spellings - these will be sent home on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday.
- Homework - please sign homework books weekly and indicate how much help/where help has been given or if it was simply too easy! This will really help me to gauge understanding and reinforces dialogue between home and school. Homework will be set on a Thursday and will be due in by the following Tuesday.

I hope this has been helpful. If you have any concerns, please feel free to pop in and speak to me after school. Alternatively, ring the school on 01798 872007 or arrange an appointment at the school office.

Kind regards,

Ms Frances