



Summer 2017 Class Newsletter Ireland

Class Teacher: Miss McElduff

I hope everyone has had a lovely, restful Easter break. The following newsletter is a brief summary of the content for the Summer Term.

Important dates for Ireland class:

Tuesday 2nd May - Forest Schools
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term
Friday 16th June - Class Assembly
Tuesday 27th June 3.30- 6.30pm - Parents Evening
Wednesday 28th June - KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 29th June 6.00-8.30pm - Parents Evening
Thursday 20th July - New class move up afternoon
Friday 21st July - Last day of term.

P.E. - this term, the children will be doing P.E. on a Wednesday each week with Mr Ruff. Please ensure that children's PE kits are brought in on a Monday morning and remain in school all week. All kit must be clearly named, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed for PE sessions. Children should have P.E. shirts and shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors in their PE kits.

Swimming lessons will take place on a Thursday and Friday each week. The children will need swimming costumes/shorts/trunks, towel, underwear (particularly if they've worn their swimming costumes under their clothes in the morning!) and, if hair is longer than shoulder length, a swim hat. If children would like to wear goggles then please can you provide a signed note to accompany these. If your child has a verruca, please ensure they have a verruca sock to wear. These can be purchased from our local pharmacy. Other useful items include deodorant (no sprays), talcum powder and a hairbrush. Please ensure your child does not have any gel in their hair on a swim day as it affects the chemical levels in the pool. Please ensure that children do not have sun cream on before they are due to go in to the pool. We will swim rain or shine so remember a hat or raincoat for children to wear at the side of the pool.

Homework:

- Reading logs - please ensure you listen to, or monitor, your child reading three times per week and this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading, and is a key dialogue between home and school. Reading logs will be collected in every Monday but should be in school every day.
- Weekly spellings - these will be sent home on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday.
- 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 the children's understanding. Homework will be set at the end of each week, will be due in by the following Tuesday and will rotate around a variety of subjects including maths and literacy. Children shouldn't spend more than 1 hour on homework.

Theme for the term - Temples, Tombs and Treasure.

Our topic for this term will be all about the Ancient Egypt. We are looking forward to learning about many different aspects of Ancient Egyptian life and culture, such as mummification, how pyramids were built and famous Egyptian figures. We have been impressed by the variety and standard of the homework which we have enjoyed sharing this week, and have already begun our learning by creating colour hieroglyphics for our display.

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

Theme
Explanation texts
Newspaper articles
Half term
Stories with historical settings
Poetry

Numeracy - Work will always be differentiated to suit the needs of the child.

Theme
Place Value including decimals
Addition
Subtraction
Multiplication
Division
Half Term
Fractions
Assessment
Measures

Part of the children's maths this year will be taught by Miss Lyons on a Monday, who will be covering aspects of statistics and measures.

Science - Science will be taught by Miss Lyons on a Monday afternoon. For the first half of term the focus will be animals including humans, with sound following after half term.

Computing - The children will start the term by developing their word processing skills and learn various features for formatting text. They will then explore programming using Logo and Scratch, using commands and algorithms to create series of movements.

R.E. - Our first unit will cover aspects of Hinduism, including the question how and why do Hindus worship at home and in the Mandir? After half term, we will be focusing on how signs and symbols are significant in religion.

Art - we are looking forward to Art Week in the second half of this term when we will be creating some fabulous Egyptian-style silk paintings! Throughout the term will be creating some Egyptian themed art work relating to our topic work.

Music - following on from last term's rainforest topic, our focus this term will be Samba.

D&T - we will be designing torches which will be related to our topic work on archaeologists and explorers.

History - this will be covered during our topic work on Ancient Egyptians and through cross-curricular links in our literacy and other areas of the curriculum.

We are lucky enough to have a forest schools day in the coming weeks. If you would like to help for all, or part of, the day please let me know. All volunteers will be much appreciated.

We would love to hear from any parents who would be willing to give up a little bit of time to help with children's reading in our class. If you could hear children read, please let me know.

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

Kind regards,

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Ireland Class Teacher