



Summer 2017 Class Newsletter New Zealand

Class Teacher: Mr Coomber

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. Here is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering and some helpful points to note.

Important dates for New Zealand class:

Friday 19th May - Class Assembly

29th May to 2nd June - Half term

Tuesday 27th June - Parents evening (15:30 - 18:30)

Wednesday 28th June - KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 29th June - Parents evening (18:00 - 20:30)

Thursday 20th July - New class move up afternoon

Friday 21st July - Last day of term

P.E. - the children will be doing P.E. on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Ruff who will be teaching Athletics. 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. On Wednesdays and Fridays the children will be doing swimming. Please ensure that you put sun cream on your child before they arrive in school. If your child has a verruca then they will need to wear a sock from the chemists' as the school is not able to provide this. If your child would like to wear goggles then please can you provide a signed note. 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. 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 that your child brings these in on a Monday, so that we can fill them in during the week when they do reading with either myself, Mrs Shepherd or one of the many parent helpers that we now have.
- Weekly spellings - these will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following Monday.
- 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 on a Friday and will be due in by the following Tuesday. The children receive 3 or more dojos for any homework that they do.

Theme for the term - Ancient Egypt

Our topic for this term will be all about Ancient Egypt! We will begin our topic by learning about the history of Ancient Egypt through a timeline before looking at how the pyramids were constructed, the Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt, what daily life was like and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. We have already created a display of the children's homework in the classroom.

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
Multiplication and Division
Fractions
Place value
Half Term
Addition and subtraction
Measure including time
Assessment

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

Science - In Science this term we will be covering digestion, teeth and food cycles/chains.

Computing - This will be taught by Miss Lyons on a Tuesday. The children will be learning word processing skills and how to create algorithms using the popular Scratch programme.

R.E. - we will continue to teach RE as a whole Y3/4 cohort this term. 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 - we will continue learning about Samba following on from our rainforest topic.

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

History - This will be linked around our topic on the Ancient Egyptians.

As the weather starts to improve, we hope to do more outdoor learning. Can you please ensure that your child has a sun hat with them in school.

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,

Mr Coomber
New Zealand Class Teacher