



# **Summer 2019 Class Newsletter New Zealand**

Class Teacher: Mr Coomber

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 New Zealand class:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday (School closed)**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Forest School Day**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - New Zealand class assembly**  
**27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half term**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fayre**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost Eucharist**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - trip to Bignor Roman Villa**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Parents Evening**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's service**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of summer term**

We are lucky enough to have a forest schools day coming up in the first half of this term - the date for this will be confirmed. If you would like to help for all, or part of, either day please let me know. All volunteers will be much appreciated and the more help we have, the more activities we can run. We also ask for this for parents to provide a £1 donation to cover the costs of food during the sessions. Please could this be given to the school office ASAP.

**P.E.** - this term, the children will usually be doing outdoor P.E. on a Thursday each week with the coaches from Brighton and Hove Albion. As the weather gets warmer, we may also have additional PE sessions, so 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 white P.E. shirts and black shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors in their PE kits.

Swimming lessons will take place on a Monday each week with the exception of the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May, when it will take place on a Friday. 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. Swimming hats will be available to purchase from the school office. 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 Tuesday but should be in school every day so your child can write in them when they have read.
- Weekly spellings - these will be sent home on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday.
- Homework - your child should have already received a homework grid for this term, and it has been great to see some beautiful pieces of homework already. If you haven't got one or need a replacement, please don't hesitate to ask. 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.

#### **Theme for the term - The Romans**

Our topic for this term will be The Romans. We will be learning all about who the Romans were, myths and legends, gods and goddesses, the invasion of Britain and their way of life. As part of our learning, we will be going on a trip to Bignor Roman Palace on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. A separate letter with more information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

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

Theme
Myths and Legends

Newspaper Reports
<b>Half term</b>
Information texts
Instructions

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

<b>Theme</b>
Division
Shape
<b>Half Term</b>
Statistics and data
Fractions
Assessment

**Science** - We will be finishing our topic on plants before moving on to light and will investigate how light is reflected and how different shadows can be formed.

**Computing** - We will continue to focus on E-Safety throughout the term, learning about different ways to stay safe online. Our other unit this term is programming. We'll be learning how to program using software in different ways.

**R.E.** - Our first unit will be based around The Kingdom of God. We will be learning about the story of Pentecost, understanding Christians' beliefs about Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and learning about Jesus' followers. We will then move on to learning about People of God. For our unit on different religions, we will be learning about the Hindu concept of Karma.

**Art** - we are looking forward to Art Week in the second half of this term when we will be creating some individual and whole class pieces of work based around different artists' portrayals of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

**Music** - we will be focusing on The Class Orchestra and will be creating a radio programme complete with songs for a children's hospital radio show.

**D&T** - we will be looking at different forms of packaging and creating our own nets of a particular item of packaging.

**History** - history will be centred around our topic on The Romans. We will be learning about the Roman invasion of Britain and how they affected our local area, their empire, Roman life, Gods and Goddesses, Roman food and drink and what they invented.

**Geography** - our Geography this term will focus on map work. We will start by looking at Roman towns and roads in Britain before moving on to map work involving grid references and compasses.

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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New Zealand Class Teacher