



Autumn 2018 Class Newsletter

Japan

Class Teacher: Mr Rogers

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 World War 1 and World War 2!

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

Week beginning	Theme
03.09.18	Getting to know you activities
10.09.18 to 14.09.18	Assessments
17.09.18 to 24.09.18	Stories: Free Writing WW1 - Private Peaceful
01.10.18 to 19.10.18	Instructions linked to DT project - Private Peaceful
	Half term
29.10.18	Recounts; Evacuee day
12.11.18 - 03.12.18	War Story - The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
10.12.18	Assessment week
17.12.18	Christmas based activities

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

Week beginning	Theme
03.09.18	Getting to know you activities
10.09.18	Pre assessments Number and place value, decimals and written addition
17.09.18	Addition and perimeter
24.09.18 - 01.10.18	Subtraction including money
09.10.17	Post assessments
16.10.17	Multiplication and area
	Half Term
29.10.18	Multiplication and area

05.11.18	Division including money
12.11.18 to 26.11.18	Fractions and shape
10.12.18	Assessments, mixed calculations
17.12.18	Shape, position and direction; Christmas activities

Science - We will study two main themes this term: Electricity and Light.

Week beginning	Theme/Objectives covered
03.09.18	Assessment
10.09.18	ELECTRICITY: Symbols
17.09.18	Brightness of bulb; loudness of buzzer
24.09.18	Investigating switches
01.10.18	Anderson shelters and air raid sirens
08.10.18 and 15.10.18	Investigation
	Half term
28.10.18	LIGHT: Straight Lines
05.11.18	Mirrors
12.11.18	Periscopes
19.11.18 and 26.11.18	Investigation - changing the size of a shadow
03.12.18	Shadow Puppet theatre
10.12.18	Shadow Puppet theatre performances.

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

- Talking safely online
- Privacy Rules
- What's Cyberbullying?

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

- What does it mean if God is holy and loving?
 - Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?
- They will also learn about Islam in one unit:
- Why do Muslims call Muhammad the seal of prophets?
- These lessons will be shared with the other Y6 class.

PSHCE - We will cover two 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 - The children will learn about pencil sketching and link their art work to WW1 and 2.

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 Thursday each week. Please ensure the kit is named. One session will be based outdoors (weather permitting) and one session indoors (Tuesday - gymnastics). Outdoor sessions will cover striking and fielding. Children will need P.E. shirts and shorts, outdoor shoes, long trousers and jumper or tracksuit for outdoors. P.E. is a vital part of the curriculum and should not be missed except for medical reasons. Spare P.E. kit will be made available for children without their kit in school.

Important dates:

- Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 26th September 7.00pm
- Brighton Amex Trip - Wednesday 19th September
- Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education meeting for parents 3.30pm 03.10.18
- Japan Class Assembly - Friday 19th October 9.00am
- Half term: Week beginning 22nd October.
- Non-uniform day for Children in Need: 16.11.18
- End of term: 19.12.18

Homework:

- **Reading logs** - please ensure your child reads to you or independently weekly and this is signed and dated. This will form an important part of my assessment for reading and dialogue between home and school. My expectation is three entries per week. They will be collected in on a **Monday** and marked each week and should please be in school every day. A special reading reward will be in place for children who regularly complete entries, with prizes given.
- **Weekly spellings** - these will be sent home on a **Tuesday** and tested the following **Tuesday**.
- **Homework** - Homework will be set on a grid format enabling children to work to specific interests just like in Year 5. I would like this handed in on a **Monday**.

Fund raising for the Big Top

As you are aware the Year 6/KS2 summer production usually takes place within a Big Top tent. This requires a large amount of fundraising throughout the year to enable this (and the summer ball) to take place. It would be fantastic if you could start thinking about something you and your child could do to contribute. In previous years children have organised: sponsored events; cake sales; race nights; bag packing at Tesco. However, any ideas you have will also be greatly received. Last year not enough was raised to cover the hire costs. If the monies cannot be covered by **March 2019** the production will go ahead as planned but sadly the **BIG TOP** *will have to be cancelled*.

Sundries

We take anti-bullying and child protection very seriously at St Mary's. In the first week of term we have discussed how adults at school keep children safe and as part

of our child protection policy we have given each child a pamphlet for them to keep at school in their trays. A copy of this will be sent out to you all.

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,

Mr Rogers

