



New Zealand Class Newsletter Summer 2018

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 30th April - School clubs begin
Friday 4th May - New Zealand class assembly
Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday (School closed)
Thursday 10th May - Ascension Day Eucharist
28th May - 1st June - Half term
Sunday 10th June - Summer Fayre
Wednesday 27th June - KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 3rd & Thursday 5th July - Parents Evening
Friday 6th July - Year 3 trip to Fishbourne Palace
Tuesday 17th July - Leaver's service
Friday 20th July - Last day of summer term

Please note that Year 3 children will not be part of the choir for the Year 6 production in the Big Top this year. This is due to the increasing number of children now in Key Stage 2.

We are lucky enough to have two forest schools days in the coming weeks. 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.

P.E. - this term, the children will usually be doing outdoor P.E. on a Monday each week. This may change from week to week, 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 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 Wednesday 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. We are lucky enough to be supported in our Wednesday swimming sessions by Mrs Treadwell, a qualified swimming instructor.

Homework:

- Reading logs - please ensure you listen to, or monitor, you 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 Monday and tested the following Monday.
- 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, invasion of Britain and their way of life. As part of our learning, we will be going on a trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace on Friday 6th July. 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
Dialogue and Plays
Half term
Information texts

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

Theme
Number and Place Value
Addition
Subtraction
Measurement and data
Assessment
Half Term
Multiplication
Division
Fractions
Shape

Science - For the first half of the term, the focus will be on plants; we will be learning about the different parts of plants, what they need to live and planting some of our own plants. We will then move on to light and will investigate how light is reflected and how different shadows can be formed.

Computing - Our 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.

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.

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 - this will be covered by Miss Bell on a Thursday and will be centred around our topic on The Romans.

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,

Mr Coomber

New Zealand class teacher