



Curriculum News- Term 3 Jan 2019

Caterpillars - Reception

As we come back after the excitement of Christmas we will be embracing winter and looking at the changes around us. We will be hoping for snow and thinking about what happens to animals and plants in the cold weather. **Please could we have a pair of wellington boots to keep in school.** This will enable us to be outside whenever we can. We will be learning about New Year traditions, in particular Chinese New Year and learning how people celebrate this special time of year differently. The children will be continuing to practise the sounds they have already learnt and adding the more complex sounds that make up our reading and writing. They will be learning to write captions and simple sentences and beginning to punctuate their writing with full stops and capital letters. Please continue to read with your child daily—it makes all the difference to their progress!



Butterflies- Year 1 and 2

Our Term 3 topic is entitled 'London Calling' with the children finding out about significant historic events from 17th Century London! The children will study St Paul's Cathedral and make sketches, prints and 3D models inspired by this great building. The children will learn about famous diarists Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn, write diaries and read them to the class. We will have the opportunity to learn about some of the food of the time and bake bread.

Our Science topic this term is 'Secret Hideaways.' In this unit children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They will learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive, and apply this in a range of contexts. They will make observations of local habitats and the creatures that live there, investigating conditions in local microhabitats and how they affect the mini beasts that live there.



Dolphins- Year 3 and 4

In Term 3, we will be studying 'Extreme Earth'. This will mainly focus on volcanoes: how they are formed and what happens when they erupt. As part of this topic, we will be making our own volcanoes using papier mâché. Science will link with our topic where we will be investigating this term. This will focus on identifying different types of rocks and soils, grouping and comparing these according to their properties. Our English will be around the destruction of Pompeii and the writing of an adventure story; newspaper article and letter. In maths, our initial work will be on measures, converting, adding and subtracting mass and capacity as well as calculations involving money. We will then be revisiting place value as well as addition and subtraction. Homework, spellings and tables will continue to be set on a Monday. Homework is due in by Friday as well as the tables and spelling tests. PE will be on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.



Eagles- Year 5 and 6

This term will have a magical twist! Our class book will be Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone which we will use as a starting point for our English work. In mathematics we will be covering percentages and decimals. Our science topic is Materials, we will be exploring the properties of materials and the changes in states of matter. In geography, our topic 'Active Planet' will cover continents, weather and natural disasters.

P.E. is timetabled for a Tuesday, but PE kits should be kept in school throughout the week as we might be able to take advantage of breaks in the weather! Homework is set on a Friday and is due the following Friday. Spelling tests and tables tests (up to 10 x10) will also be set on a Friday. Reading should be completed every evening and recorded in the record book.

Happy New Year to you all.

