

Junior newsletter -Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all back after a long summer holiday. The children all seem to be settled in their new classes.

This term we welcome two new members of staff to the juniors - Mrs Holme and Miss Wilson. We wish them well in their new posts.

We have a busy autumn term planned. Here is an overview for your reference. You can also look at the long term coverage plan that is on our school web-site.

English

We will continue to work on fiction, non-fiction and poetry. This year we are planning to use the book that we are reading within class as a big stimulus for our writing. Y3/4 are beginning to use 'Alice in Wonderland', Y5 are using 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and Y6 will be using 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'.

In addition, your child will work on grammar skills - identifying all the elements that go to make up our English language.

We will be continuing to have a big focus on spelling. Your child will be sent home spellings to learn and we will be reporting back to you regularly on how well your child is progressing.

READING AT HOME - It is still of great benefit for older children to read with their parents or another willing adult. This helps expression and fluency. It may also encourage discussion about books. It is great to keep up to date with what your child is reading. Please sign your child's reading record book if you have read with them. Reading folders must be returned to school each day.

Year three have started the year by beginning to learn the handwriting joins. The other year groups are recapping these joins to enable them to have a fluent joined handwriting style.

Maths

At the beginning of this term, the children begin to focus on place value and understanding the worth of each number. As the term progresses, they will be improving their knowledge of the four operations (+ - x ÷) Furthermore, the children will also keep on practising their times tables as they will be tested regularly in class. Any help you can give your child with their tables does make a difference. The government now expects all children in Y4 and above to know all their times tables and division facts by heart. Your child's teacher will be sending home the tables that your child needs to work on within the next few weeks. . We cannot stress enough on how important it is for your child to know these facts instantly.

TOPIC

Years 5/6 will be learning all about World War 2. We will be getting straight into our topic and will be visiting Eden Camp on Tuesday 11th September. We intend to dress up on our trip as a child/adult from the war period. Furthermore, as part of our science topic, we will be looking at materials, solids, liquids and gases and also dissolving and separation techniques.

Years 3 and 4 has a topic title called 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'. Within this topic they will look at food nutrition. Furthermore, they will look where food comes from and all about 'Fair Trade'.

FRENCH

Y6 will be studying the topic of 'Les Portraits' involving reading and writing descriptions in French.

Y5 will be learning French to do with 'the family'

Year 3 and 4 will be completing a unit called 'Les Monsters', which covers colours and body parts.

PE

We would like to remind parents that children require a proper kit for both games and PE - **a white T-shirt and black shorts for PE** and in addition to these, **trainers** for games. **Tracksuits are allowed** for outdoor games lessons.

Could we also ask that for health and safety reasons, earrings be left at home on PE and games days to prevent loss or injury? If your child has had their ears pierced recently, please inform their class teacher as children are expected to remove earrings for PE and games. Long hair must be tied back.

Computing

Ongoing skills will be developed, particularly looking at using our new program J2E.

PSHEC

Y6 and Y3/4 : 'It's our world' - which covers democracy and climate change. There will be different objectives for the older class to take on board.

Y5: 'We're all stars' - which covers taking responsibility for your own actions and thinking about others' feelings.

HOMEWORK

Children will continue to bring a reading book home each night, In addition, they will be expected to learn their spellings and the current times table multiplication and division facts. Furthermore, additional homework will be given weekly and must be returned.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR THIS HALF TERM

Tuesday 11th September - Eden Camp Y5/6 school trip

Wednesday 12th September - Y3/4 A swimming begins for half term
Monday 17th September = Y3/4 drama workshop to launch Alice in Wonderland.

Monday 1st October - Influenza dose R - Y5

Tuesday 9th - 12th October - Bewerley Park

Monday 15th October - Wheelchair basketball for whole school.

Tuesday 23rd - Y6 Crucial Crew

Friday 26th October - school closes at 3.15/20 pm

Monday 5th November - school reopens.

Wednesday 7th November - 3/4W swimming begins for a half term

Wednesday 14th November - Y3/4 trip to Arbeia

Thursday 22nd November - School photographs

Thursday 13th December - School Panto (Dick Whittington)

Friday 21st December - School closes at 2.30pm

Any additional dates of future events will be updated frequently on the weekly school newsletter - please keep a look out for these every Friday.

We hope this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to call in and see us if you need anything.

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