

# Coral Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2017

A very warm welcome to Coral Class. We hope you had a restful holiday and feel refreshed, ready for the coming year. We have a busy term ahead of us, continuing to work through the Primary National Curriculum and beginning our exciting topics.

This newsletter will give you an insight into some of the work we will be covering and will provide some helpful reminders.

### Home learning

We will be setting home learning three times a week - SPaG on Monday, Maths on Wednesday and topic related work on Friday.

We are always very grateful for your support and if you can ensure that your child completes their home learning neatly and by the correct day it will be much appreciated.

The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes EVERY day and must record their reading in their contact books as part of the star reader incentive.

To give the children the opportunity to complete their home learning at school we will be running a home learning club every lunchtime in 'The Hub'. Please encourage your children to attend if they struggle to complete their home learning at home.

### Star Reader

This year in year 5 we will be continuing the star reader incentive. Your child is encouraged to read every single day, to you or with you. In your child's contact book, they will receive a star reader sticker each week they have recorded five separate entries with an adult. After this they will receive certificates when they receive 3, 5, 10, 20 and 30 star reader stickers. If your child manages to obtain 30 star reader stickers, they will also receive a new book. Knollmead are continuing to promote reading and hope you will endeavour to support us with this new initiative.

### Computing

This half term, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding surrounding E-safety. We discuss online safety and the best way to look after yourself when using the Internet. After half term, we will move onto blogging, which will link to literacy and SPaG lessons. In addition they will have access to the Internet in order to find information and images to support other subject areas.

### P.E.

Thanks to all of you who have sent in PE kits already. Our PE lessons are on Thursday and Friday. Please could you ensure that earrings are removed for PE days as we do not want any accidents. Please could also you make sure that all PE clothing items are named as they do sometimes get mislaid. Some of these lessons will be outside, even during the colder months so please make sure your child has the following:

- Plimsolls or trainers
- T-shirt (coloured t-shirts are available from PMG schoolwear)
- Shorts
- Jogging bottoms

Over the course of the term, the children will be developing their skills through a number of gym and dance activities. The focus of our outdoor sessions will involve learning the skills and rules for tag rugby and golf.

### **R.E.**

Our focus for R.E. for the first half term is rules and guidelines for living. After half term we will be looking at Christmas and the impact of birth on the lives of others.

### **Cornerstones**

Our first Cornerstones topic will be Stargazer, which is based on science. Children will be looking at the solar system and the planets, which form our incredible galaxy. On *Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September*, the children will be taking part in a visit from the Planetarium.

We would like to invite you to our express at the end of the topic to show you what we have learnt on *Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3.20pm in the classroom*.

After half term we will move on to a topic called 'Pharaohs', which has a historical focus. As part of this topic they will be looking at the Ancient Egyptian civilization. The children will be visiting the British Museum to find out more about mummies. We will be sending out a separate letter with the details on.

### **French**

This year the children will have a French lesson every week taught by a French teacher from Coombe Girls' School. They will be continuing to work through the Rigolo scheme to learn the French Language.

### **Contact Books**

The children will continue to bring home their contact books this year. These will be signed on a weekly basis in school (Monday) and we would appreciate you doing the same at home. If you have any messages for the teachers please use the contact book. These books will also contain your child's reading record.

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating our annual harvest festival on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. To mark harvest at Knollmead we will be having a special assembly and would like to donate food to a local charity. Therefore, please send your child into school with a small donation, such as tinned food, fruit, vegetables or dried goods such as pasta and rice on *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September*.

We look forward to a happy and successful year.  
Miss Pavlis