

Coral Class Newsletter

Spring 2018

We hope you had a restful few weeks and feel refreshed, ready to face the new term. We have a busy term ahead of us, continuing to work through the Primary National Curriculum and beginning our exciting topics.

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

Home Learning

We will continue to set home learning three times a week - SPaG on Monday, Maths on Wednesday and topic related work **every other Friday**. Maths will be alternate weeks of Mathletics and sheet work.

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 Home Learning Planner as part of the Star Reader incentive.

The school will continue to offer the children the opportunity to complete their home learning every lunchtime in 'The Hub'. This is also an opportunity to complete Spellodrome and Mathletics work, as there is access to laptops and iPads. Please encourage your children to attend if they struggle to complete their home learning at home.

Star Reader

Coral class will be continuing the Star Reader incentive, which the children are doing incredibly well in. Just to give you a quick reminder: your child is encouraged to read every single day, to you or with you. In your child's Home Learning Planner, 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.

Computing

This half term, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding surrounding E-safety and onto blogging, which will have a link to literacy and SPaG lessons. In addition they will have access to the Internet in order to find text and images to support other subject areas.

P.E.

The children will have PE lessons on Thursday and Friday so it is necessary for your child to have a full, named PE kit in school on appropriate days (this does include plimsolls or trainers for outdoor PE sessions). The children will need to be prepared, as the lesson could be indoors or outdoors depending on the topic and the weather.

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 basketball and badminton.

R.E.

Our focus for R.E. for the first half term is Buddhism. After half term we will be looking at Easter.

Cornerstones

Our first Cornerstones topic will be *Scream Machine*, which is based around Science. Children will be looking at forces and the work surrounding Leonardo di Vinci as well as looking at iconic theme parks such as Disney World. After half term, we will move on to a topic called *Allotments*, which has a geography focus. As part of this topic the children will be looking at our local area and the properties the land has to grow our own fruit and vegetables. The children will be visiting the local allotments during this topic.

We will be inviting the parents to come in at the end of each topic to see what the children have been learning; more details will follow.

French

This year the children will have a French lesson every week taught by an independent language teacher. They will be continuing to work through the *Rigolo* scheme to learn the French Language.

Home Learning Planners

The children will continue to bring home their Home Learning Planners 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 Home Learning Planner.

If you wish for your child to walk home alone from school, please send in a letter giving permission.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Miss Pavlis and Mrs Singh