

Pearl Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2018

I hope you had a fun and restful holiday. Many thanks for all your warm Christmas wishes and very thoughtful presents. They were greatly appreciated. We have an exciting term ahead and this newsletter will give you a flavour of what is coming up including our **class assembly on 2nd February at 2:50pm.**

Equipment

Pupils in Year 4 need a water bottle at school every day please.

They are also welcome to bring in a pencil case and those children who have received their pen licence can bring in their own blue handwriting pen. We do have pens available if they do not wish to bring their own.

Headphones are also useful for Computing lessons and guided reading sessions.

Literacy and Maths

This term we will study a book called 'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells and after half term we will study poetry.

Within maths we will continue to practise multiplication and division and move on to fractions.

144 club

We are starting the 144 club to help encourage children to learn their timetables. Each week during one of their maths lessons pupils will have a ten minute test to answer questions about the timestables they have been learning. These questions will be a mixture of multiplications and divisions linked to the timestable they are individually learning e.g. $5 \times 6 = ?$ 60 divided by $6 =$

You can help your child to succeed by singing, saying and testing them on the timestable they are learning. We will send home certificates as they achieve different targets.

Cornerstones

Our first topic this term is 'Raiders and Traders' which finds out about Saxons and Vikings and how they travelled, lived and dressed. We look forward to showing you lots of what we have learnt in our assembly on Friday 2nd February at 2:50pm.

We will then move on to another topic after half term called 'Misty Mountain Sierra' which allows us to look at some of the world's mountains. We also hope to take a trip to somewhere 'high up' to experience how it feels. More details will follow.

Home learning

We will continue to set work on Mathletics and Spellodrome and we will also send home the homework project choice that we trialled last half term linked to our Cornerstones topic. Most people enjoyed having a more creative homework to complete and we ask that one of these activities is complete each fortnight.

Reading

The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes EVERY day. The children must record this in the reading record page in the contact books. Please listen to them read at least once a week and record this in the contact books. By doing this you will help them move along our reading '**Road to**

Success'. Lots of the children have already moved from a scooter to a bike and then on to a car on the reading road. What vehicle will they move on to next?

Science

We are looking forward to studying forces in our first topic called 'In a state'. We will find out about magnets and friction.

We will then move on to the water cycle and to flowers and plants reminding ourselves of the parts of plants and their roles and all the things plants need to grow.

Computing

We will be learning about blogging this term and adding blogs to the school website. Your child will be able to log on at home and show you this work.

P.E

Our PE lessons are continuing on Mondays and Tuesdays. Thanks so much to the parents who put names into the shorts and t-shirts. It makes it so much easier to return clothing to the correct child. Please could you ensure that earrings are removed for PE days as we do not want any accidents. Some of these lessons will be outside, even during the colder months so please make sure your child has **all** the following:

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

Within indoor PE this term we will continue with our 'Charleston' dance work and then move on to Gymnastics. Mr Tanner from Coombe boys will come in each Tuesday to teach Badminton for the first half term and then Basketball.

R.E

Our focus for R.E. this half term is Sikhism and in the second half term we will work on Christianity.

French

For the first half term we will be finding out about birthdays in France and learning how to say the date of our birthday. We will then revise all the topics we have covered so far and learn how to describe people in more detail.

Contact Books

The children will continue to bring home contact books. These will be signed each Monday in school and we would appreciate you doing the same at home. If you have any messages for the teachers please use the contact book.

We are really looking forward to another fun and hardworking term.

Ms Culpin and Miss McRae