

Jet Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2018

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Easter and a restful break. I am looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

Maths and spellings

In Maths this term we will be recap everything we have been doing in number so far which includes; place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and fractions. We are also going to look at money and measurement.

Phonics and spellings will focus on recapping our spelling rules that we have learned so far and introducing new ones. Any extra practise of this at home is, as always, very beneficial to the children's learning and progression in reading and writing.

Homework

Home learning will continue to be set every Wednesday, alternating between a topic based task (which you can chose from on the topic grid) and a Mathletic and Spellodrome tasks (use the same login). There is a home work club running at lunchtimes for those who cannot access these at home and if home learning is not completed the children will be asked to attend.

Mathletics and Spellodrone

Mathletics is a great way for the children to practise and consolidate the concepts we are learning in Maths. The children have become very eager to find out who receives the class cup at the end of every week!

We will continue using Spellodrome to practise and learn spelling words in the Year 2 curriculum. Again, the children can earn points through playing games around spelling and using the spelling rules we have learnt in class. The login in for this is the same as that for Mathletics.

SATs

This half term we will have SATS. The children have been doing lots in school and at home to prepare for these. Thank you if you have managed to complete any of the pack sent out before Easter. I'd like to reassure you all that we hope to make this week as stress free as possible, however if you or your child have any concerns leading up to this, please feel free to talk to a member of staff about it.

P.E

Your child will need a named PE kit in school. This includes:

- Coloured T-Shirt for their house group
- Shorts/jogging bottoms

- Plimsoles
- Jumper

Swimming has now started and this is one of our PE sessions every week. Our swimming sessions are every **Tuesday** so please make sure your child has their swimming costume or trunks, a towel, swimming hat and goggles (if necessary) in school on this day. Please note, swimming is a part of our curriculum so it is not optional to take part.

R.E

In RE, our focus for the first half is homes, families and belonging. After half term we will be looking at special places in the community: Church, Synagogue, Mosque.

Cornerstones

Our first topic this half term is 'Wriggle and Crawl.' We will be learning all about minibeasts and their habitat. We look forward to having a picnic outside and being around all the different animals' habitats! The express date for this topic is the 18th May.

After half term we will move on to a topic called 'Land Ahoy' which has a geography focus. As part of this topic we will be learning about famous people who have travelled around the world as well as learning how to use maps.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be covering *Going for Goals*. We will be learning what a realistic goal is and will have a go at setting our own personal goals to see if we can achieve them. We will be discussing why we set targets and goals, what we need to do to achieve them and how we feel when we succeed.

Science

Materials: Shaping Up

In this topic the children are introduced to different ways of changing the shapes of objects made from different materials. They identify materials that can be changed by the actions of squashing, bending, twisting and stretching, and link these actions with the properties of the materials that allow them to be changed. They discover that some materials have different properties according to how they are shaped and what they are made into, and choose materials for uses according to their properties. They also learn that pushes and pulls can cause movement or a change in shape. Children apply their knowledge by making clay models and catapults.

Apprentice Gardeners

We will be planting seeds, learning how to care for plants correctly and documenting the process so we can become plant growing experts.

Contact Books

The children will continue to bring home their contact book each day. These will be signed on a daily basis 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 and please make sure the children bring in their contact books and reading books every day.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on **Friday 22nd June**. If it is wet and we have to cancel we have a reserve Sports Day on Friday 6th July.

If you have any questions, as always, do not hesitate to ask.
Here's to an enjoyable and positive summer term!

Miss Jackson and Mrs Richards (TA)