

Coral Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2018

Welcome back, after what was hopefully an enjoyable Easter break. Firstly we'd like to thank you for your support during the spring term. We are now ready to embark on another busy term, and look forward to our exciting new Cornerstones topic: Peasants, Princes and Pestilence!

Homework and reminders

Thank you for supporting your children with their home learning. Please continue to ensure you **sign** your child's contact book at the end of every week and help them to remember their equipment e.g. P.E./swimming kit, contact book etc.

We will continue using the homework grid to set homework across the half term. Children can pick three pieces of homework across the half term and they must be handed in on the dates stated. One piece of homework must be writing based as well.

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

Cornerstones

Our first topic this term will be Princes, Peasants and Pestilence, which is based on the dark and deadly 14th century London. We would like to invite you to our Express for the end of our first topic to see what the children have been learning. It will take place in the classroom on **Thursday 24th May at 3:20pm** and you will have the opportunity to look at the children's books and see the wonderful work they have been working on in Cornerstones!



After half term we will move on to a topic called Beast Creator which is based around minibeasts from around the world. We are hoping to arrange a school trip to a farm more information will follow.

R.E

Our focus for R.E. for the whole term is Hinduism.

French

The children will have a French lesson every week taught by a language teacher from Coombe Girls' School (Mr Wozniak). He will be continuing to work through the Rigolo scheme with them.

Science

Circle of Life

The children will extend their understanding of what a life cycle is, and learn about the life cycles of some familiar (and some less familiar) mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. Children compare and contrast different life cycles, identifying common features as well as explaining key differences. They use their knowledge of life cycles to help them as they create a fantastical creature of their own, complete with its own distinct life cycle. They learn about incredible journeys that some animals undertake to complete their life cycles, and about the different ways in which humans are supporting some endangered animals to increase their population numbers.

All Change

In this module children develop their knowledge and understanding of changes to materials. They will recognise that some changes such as melting, evaporation and dissolving are reversible while other changes are non-reversible, including burning and production of rust or a gas as the result of a chemical reaction. Children use specific scientific vocabulary as they describe, explain and communicate their understanding of how materials change. Working scientifically, children observe and compare changes that take place over time in a variety of different contexts, such as when making toffee, rusting metals or burning a candle. They plan and carry out fair tests to investigate more systematically non-reversible changes that they observe. They use a variety of ways to report and present their findings to an audience.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at why it is good to be you and in the second part of the half term, we will be looking at relationships between friends and family.

P.E.

Swimming lessons will start this term. Please ensure your child has:

- Hat
- Costume
- Towel
- Goggles (if needed)

Please note, swimming is a part of our curriculum so it is not optional to take part.

The children will continue to have a PE lesson on a Friday so your child will need to have a full, named PE kit in school on these days (this includes trainers and a navy blue or black sweatshirt for outdoor PE sessions). Be prepared as the lesson could be indoors or outdoors depending on the topic and the weather.

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.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year.
Miss Pavlis and Mrs Singh