

Crystal Class Newsletter

Summer Term

Welcome back, after what was hopefully an enjoyable Easter break. Firstly we'd like to thank you for your support over the previous terms. It helped your children to settle easily and we are pleased to report that they have continued our good start to the year. We are now ready to embark on another busy term, continuing with the National Curriculum in maths and literacy, starting new topics in the foundation subjects and, of course, raring to go with the SAT's .

Home learning

We will continue setting home learning three times a week - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Maths on Monday and topic related work on Friday.

Thank you to all of you who support your children so well with their homework. The Red Mark procedure will be continuing so please ensure that you sign your child's contact book at the end of every week and assist them to remember their equipment e.g. P.E. kit, etc.

The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes EVERY day (including Saturday and Sunday). The children must record this in their reading records.

Home learning and Mathletics clubs will continue to run throughout the week in the hub. Please encourage your children to attend if they struggle to complete their home learning at home.

Star Reader

Currently, the Year 6 the Star Reader system is working very successfully. Your child is encouraged to read every single day, to you or with you, and we would remind you to continue signing off your child's Contact Book. The emphasis on reading remains high across the school and we look forward to continuing to hand out even more star reader certificates. The race to be the first child to receive the Rainbow Award and a free book continues!

Topic

This term our topics are: Hola Mexico and Tomorrow's World. Our initial topic, Hola Mexico, takes a dive in Central America where we will look at the ancient Maya civilisation; whilst our second topic Tomorrow's World topic focuses on the technology of the future, branding and design.

Computing

This term your children will be using the programming platform 'Scratch' to code data and will be using iPads to create and upload short videos.

P.E.

The children will have PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday so it is necessary for your child to have a full, named PE kit in school on appropriate 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. **It is important to note that your child will be swimming on a Thursday this year.**

Over the course of the term the children will be swimming; preparing themselves for sports day during athletics in the second summer term; and learning to develop their hand and eye co-ordination through cricket and rounders.

R.E.

Our focus for R.E. for the first half term is 'For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus?' After half term we will be looking at 'How does faith help people when life gets hard?'

French

The children will continue to have a French lesson every week taught by an 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 term. These will be signed on a weekly 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.

SATs

In Year 6, we would like to take this time to remind you that the SAT's will be commencing the week of the 13th May 2019 and appreciate any extra work that you are doing helping your children to secure vital mathematical facts such as times tables. Prior to the SATs the children will be focusing on fractions, decimals, percentages and ratio and coordinates during their lessons.

Marchants Hill and Activity week

For those children attending Marchants Hill the trip will be commencing on Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June.

Finally, we wish to say a huge thank you to all those parents who continue to support their children across their academic endeavours. We are aware that for some of the children this is their final term at Knollmead and look forward to finishing with an extremely positive one. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you all at, our Sports Day, our end of term production, or both!

We look forward to fantastic final term.
Mr van de Wiel, Mrs Trimble (TA) and Mrs Heaton (TA)

Class motto:

I cannot do it yet, but I will keep on trying: I will succeed!