

Pearl Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2019

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a lovely Easter holidays and that you are ready for our final term of Year 4. This newsletter will introduce the topics we will be covering this term and let you know about routines and trips for this term.

Equipment

Each day your child needs a water bottle at school. Please use reusable water bottles as we have no facilities to recycle plastic at school. They may bring a pencil case and glue if they wish and if they have earned their pen licence they can bring in a blue fibre tip pen to write with (although pens are provided for them to use).

Literacy

Within literacy this term we will write lots of non-fiction including a newspaper article and an explanation. These will focus on our topic about Kingston in Saxon times and King Athlestan. After half term we will move on to fiction writing linked with our class reading book: *Oliver and the Seawigs*. We will write a persuasive letter and a description. We will continue to develop our reading skills with a daily reading lesson and we will read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Maths

Within Maths we will complete our work on multiplication learning to multiply two and three digit numbers by another number. We be dividing larger numbers and we will also complete work on fractions and decimals. It is our aim to get children to at least the Bronze stage of the 144 club by the end of year 4. Please support your children to practise and improve their times tables so that they can achieve this.

Home learning

You child will continue to have homework each week. The tasks will alternate between mathematics work and paper homework. In the weeks for paper homework they can complete one of the activities from the grid we send home.

Reading and contact books

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 sign the contact book. By doing this you will help them move along our reading Road to Success! Children who do not read every day will be asked to do that reading during their lunch break. If you have any messages for the school staff please feel free to write a note in the contact book.

Computing

We will complete our work on animation and then move on to using Scratch for programming work.

R.E and PSHE

We will complete work on Pentecost in RE and then consider how and why people try to make the world a better place. Within PSHE we will work on relationships and then talk about change before the end of the year.

Cornerstones and trips

We will continue the Saxon theme in the first half term with our topic on 'King Athlestan the first King of England' which ties in with the local area as King Athlestan was crowned king in Kingston. We

will find out about Saxon life in this area and about the life of King Athlestan. We will visit Kingston museum to see artefacts that have been found locally from Saxon times.

After half term we will begin a topic called Blue Abyss which studies the world's oceans. We will find out about the different oceans and what is special about each one. We will study the animals that live in them and how humans can have an impact on them. We will be going to the London Aquarium to see some of the animals that live in the world's oceans.

Science

We will be having fun learning about electricity in the first half term and then we will learn about ocean animals and use branching diagrams to sort and identify animals. Within our final topic we will consider the human impact on environments which will link in with our topic work on oceans.

French

We will continue our topic of animals in French and then move on to families and birthdays. The children love learning new words in French and our scheme Rigolo encourages them to have a go and sing and speak in French.

P.E

We will have outdoor PE lessons this term and we will have a visiting cricket coach who will lead the lessons. We are also going to be visiting The Oval to watch some Cricket.

We will also swim each **Wednesday**.

For outdoor PE the children will need

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

For swimming your child will need

- swimming costume
- towel
- swimming hat

Music

You children will continue to have ukulele lessons from Kingston Music service and will experience performing in the Cluster Concert at the Rose Theatre this term.

I am sure you will agree that the term ahead sounds very exciting and we are really looking forward to our final term with your children and hope to build on the fantastic progress they are making.

Ms Culpin and Mr Young

Class motto: I can't do it yet, but just try and stop me!