

Newsletter: Term 4 2022/23

Please find below information on what pupils will be learning this half term:

Curriculum Topic - This term we will continue learning about Oceans and Seas. Pupils will find out about boats and ships from the past, life at sea, ship-to-ship communication, how boats are powered, and their design features. In art they will draw fish and use their sketches for aluminium foil printing. Pupils will visit Chatham Dockyard to support their topic learning.

English - Using the 'Robot Dog' text, pupils will be learning about technical language - using it to create their own information texts. They will write a mystery narrative inspired by the book 'The Whale'. Pupils will be encouraged to edit and improve their writing. They will continue to read across the curriculum as well as accessing daily class story time, spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting practice.

Numeracy - Over the next few weeks pupils will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area, and shape. Children will continue with mental maths, problem solving and reasoning work - which is built into maths lessons. All pupils access daily times tables practice.

Science - This term in science pupils will be learning about Earth and Space: spherical bodies, the planets, the sun, the moon, and night & day. Environmental science lessons are timetabled weekly - this term pupils will plant pansies, fill bird feeders, dig over beds, plant seeds, weed and water. They will join the Fairtrade Sowing Seeds event in Tunbridge Wells, and will have the opportunity to visit our link-farm on a weekly basis.

Computing - Pupils in Green class will be learning about programming using 'Scratch'. They will learn how to place and move 'sprites' on x/y grids and use coding blocks to add sound, colour and effects when creating their own programmes. Yellow class will be learning how to manipulate images using paint.net.

PSHE and Citizenship - This term the focus for PSHE is 'feelings and emotions': students will learn how to recognise and manage feelings and behaviours of anger and worry. In Citizenship the focus will be on cultural celebrations: pancake day, Fair Trade Fortnight, Red Nose Day, The Great Spring Clean Up, and Purple Day. Pupils will continue to watch Newsround and discuss current affairs each day. School Councillors will focus on promoting the ideas of the pupils and will strive for improvement of the school.

Communication and Interaction - This term pupils will be looking at 'Zones of Regulation', learning about and using tools (strategies) for calming. When offsite pupils will practice using active listening, kindness, showing expected behaviour, sharing positive thoughts about others, saying how they feel, turn-taking, and being polite. Our Pets as Therapy dog, Bailey, will continue to visit regularly - being a calming influence in and out of the classroom.

Music - This term pupils will listen to pieces of music composed by Brahms, Bach, Bernstein, Dvořák, Haydn and Holst. They will respond to the pieces with creative activities. Peter will visit us on Fridays for 1:1 music sessions.

PE - We have PE Tuesdays (Yellow class) and Wednesdays (Green class). This term the pupils will have weekly table tennis lessons. Green class will be swimming weekly on Tuesdays. **Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (NAMED) in school, including swim wear at all times.** Tracksuits are required in the colder weather. We are happy to wash clothing for you, so that it does not have to travel back and forth.

Homework

Reading and times-tables are very important. Please listen to your child read and practise times tables at home at least 4 times a week.

Mud We play and work outdoors, and this can mean muddy and wet trousers. Please send in a named spare pair for your child to change into if required, so they can continue their learning in comfort.

Thank you for your continued support - we look forward to a term of exciting learning ahead! **The KS2 staff team**