UKS2 termly newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas break and we trust you all had a good holiday. We are at the end of the first week already and time is going extremely quickly. This is a relatively short term of 6 weeks and 2 days, then the half term break, followed by six weeks, which takes us up to Easter.

This is an extremely important time for all children, especially for those children in year 6. SATs are fast approaching and it is important to us that your child achieves their full potential.

The timetable below outlines the week-

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| **Mon 13th May 2019** | English Paper 1: Grammar and punctuation Short Answer Questions English Paper 2: Spelling |
| **Tues 14th May 2019** | English Reading Paper |
| **Wed 15th May 2019** | Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper Maths Paper 2: Reasoning Paper |
| **Thurs 16th May 2019** | Maths Paper 3: Reasoning Paper |

The children are working extremely hard in order to achieve well and we hope this continues. Homework for year 6, including reading, continues to be set based on class work and what is needed for these tests. Homework club continues to be available on Thursday lunchtimes run by Mrs Wainwright. The year 5 homework sheet is attached to this letter and includes a range of activities that the children can choose from.

Our main topic this term is a History based theme; Ancient Greece. Work across the curriculum will also be based on this topic. We are hoping to arrange a visit from the “Portals to the Past” group who will provide us with an Ancient Greek themed day at the end of term. More details to follow.

In Literacy we will be looking at all types of writing. We will be covering a range of genres including journalistic and report writing. Basic skills, including handwriting, spelling and sentence work continues to be taught. Reading is also just as important and we are expecting children to continue to read with an adult and discuss what they read. We are continuing to use the Accelerated Reader scheme where the children will regularly quiz on the books they have been reading.

In Numeracy we shall continue to work on the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as word problems and shape and measurement. We expect the children to learn their time-tables and basic number facts and will be giving them tips on how to do this effectively. Children who know their times-tables are much faster at working out mental maths problems. A new system called Timestables Rockstars will be introduced to the children soon, more details to follow.

The children will take part in sessions of PE each week. Please ensure that PE kit is kept in school every day. Trainers are advised for outdoor PE sessions and plimsolls for indoor PE sessions. This ensures that if we have the opportunity to deliver extra activities, then your child will not miss out. It is advisable to provide a warm tracksuit of any colour at this time of year. Please make sure all items are named. Earrings must not be worn for P.E and this is in line with the Essex policy.

We look forward to an exciting term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Wainwright

Upper Key Stage 2 phase leader