

Monnow Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term! It is hard to believe we are now into the final term of Year 1 - the time has flown by! I am so proud of each and every child in Monnow Class for the enthusiasm they show to their learning, the determination they have to succeed and their own personal achievements in attaining their goals and targets. I am now looking forward to our Summer term together. Here is a brief outline of some of the things we will be learning about this term:

Literacy/Science

The children will be studying via Literacy and Science this term, the wonderful topic of Plants. In Literacy, we will be learning about and creating poetry; performing and writing a free verse and rhyming couplets. We will also be looking at Spring and creating our own class poem on the signs of Spring we see around our school. We will be re-writing the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk to link with our Science topic and after we will rewrite a version of Little Red Riding Hood with a twist (she may be not as sweet as you think)! We will also be producing an information and explanation text on the parts of a plant: what they need to grow successfully; the importance of water and light which we will be learning about via our Science lessons (hopefully this will produce some budding gardeners for you in the Summer).

Maths

We will be progressing with our skills in the four functions of Maths, with addition and subtraction as our main subject, but also multiplication (doubling) and division (halving). We will once again be revisiting time in both analogue and digital, including time durations whilst continuing our learning to count to and across 100, forwards and backwards and to count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals, counting different multiples (including twos, fives and tens) and our number facts for bonding to 10, 20 and 100.

The 'Frog Maths Club' will still continue. I am delighted to see how successful and enthusiastic the children are and how much they are enjoying working hard to leap to their next lily pads! I will continue to send home their sheets each week for further practise at home to help them and to consolidate their learning.

Geography

In Geography this term, we will first be focusing on our local area and we will be finding out about Mordiford, how we all travel to school and what jobs and leisure pursuits people do in the area. We will be discovering Mordiford - the river, bridge, meander, church, school, old post office, mill and the buildings around the area. Following half term we will be learning about co-ordinates and map reading to 4 grid significance including symbols and keys of our local area.

History

Our history topic this term will be heavily linked to Literacy learning about famous people in Britain's past. We will be studying how and why Isambard Kingdom Brunel became famous as a great engineer. We will be having a bridge and boat building yard in the outside area and any resources you may have to build a suspension bridge or a SS Great Britain would be most helpful!

P.E.

Our P.E. sessions this term will be on Tuesday and Thursday each week. On Tuesday, the children will be participating in fitness training with Adriano for the first half term. As these sessions will be held, weather permitting, on the field, could you please provide suitable sportswear and footwear, favourable to the weather conditions. On Thursday, it will be either be a gymnastic session (indoor PE kit or we will be out for a game of Summer rounders or practising our athletics! Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit at all times in school for any extra sport sessions we have.

R.E.

This term we will be focusing on the faith study of the Judaism religion. Firstly, we will be learning about what is special about the Shabbat and also the importance of Hanukkah or Chanukah which is the Festival of Lights to the Jewish religion.

Art and Design

In art and design we will be using our Science topic this term to sketch and draw still life pictures of plants studying in the style of Van Gogh, whilst looking at houses and special places within Mordiford. We will also be designing and planting own garden containers to add some Summer colour!

Reading books will be changed three times a week. I do expect your child to read at home daily, as this regular practise is the way for them to succeed in all subjects. Re-reading the book for confidence and consolidation is also very important for their reading development. If anyone has any time they could spare to hear some extra readers each week, I would be most grateful, as this makes such a difference to their confidence and capability.

Spellings and homework will be sent home with your child every Monday, once again regular practise of their spellings is also important. Homework is to be handed in by Thursday of each week and their spelling test and Froggy Maths Clubs will take place on Friday.

Many thanks, as always, for all your support. Please feel free to pop in to discuss any matters or concerns you may have at any time or just to check on your child's progress.

Kindest regards.

Miss Glover