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Spring Term 2015 Newsletter ~ Years 5 & 6

This term Class 4 will be studying the following:

Numeracy

- ~ Roman numerals and place value in large numbers
- ~ revision of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- ~ various aspects of fractions, decimals and percentages

Literacy

- ~ general revision of narrative, non-fiction and poetry genres, with an emphasis on...
- ~ narrative and non-fiction writing
- ~ preparation for the English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test

Science

- ~ the differences in the lifecycles of a mammal, amphibian, insect and bird
- ~ describing the changes as humans develop to old age
- ~ describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals

History (to include related **Art** and **D&T** work)

“Roman Britain”

- ~ army and warfare
- ~ Roman roads and buildings
- ~ leisure and games
- ~ the Latin language
- ~ the legacy of the Roman Empire
- ~ a visit to York Museum

Geography (to include related **Art** and **D&T** work)

- ~ volcanoes and earthquakes

ICT

- ~ research and word-processing skills
- ~ control program (using Lego Mindstorms)

RE

- ~ pilgrimages

Music

- ~ starting to learn songs for the Summer musical show “Joseph”

French

- ~ le carnaval des animaux (animals)

Aspire... Believe... Achieve...



PE (on Mondays ~ correct PE kit and footwear would be much appreciated)
~ dance
~ tag rugby
~ year 6 Bikeability (2nd & 9th March), so get your bikes ready and roadworthy
~ swimming will continue to be on every Tuesday afternoon until February half term

Homework

Each week, your child will have:

Spellings. This may be a “spellings-related” task, rather than learning a list of words off-by-heart, and will be given on Wednesdays. [Details of this homework will be written in Homework Diaries].

SMIRF (Space Mission Instant Recall Facts) targets to learn, including multiplication facts and tests.

A guided reading task

This will be a set number of pages to read, followed by a written task (given weekly).

Independent reading

Ideally, children should read at home on a daily basis.

As children become more and more competent with their reading, it is not always necessary to hear them read aloud, although this does help them to be expressive and can help them with their comprehension. It is far more important however, after your child has been reading independently, to discuss and ask questions about his/her books, as this helps to develop their comprehension skills and deepen their overall understanding of texts.

Numeracy homework

This will be given on Tuesdays.

Optional extra homework

There will also be an optional homework task which you may wish your child to do. For the first half-term, this will be a long-term project, to be completed over the next five weeks, based on “New Year’s Resolutions”. Details are given in a separate letter.

It would be great if you would continue to have a close interest in your child’s homework in order to help keep them motivated, to ensure it is completed punctually and to give them help and encouragement, if required.

Please sign at the bottom of each and every completed homework task, just to acknowledge that you have seen (and hopefully approve of) your child’s work.

Many thanks (and happy New Year)

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