

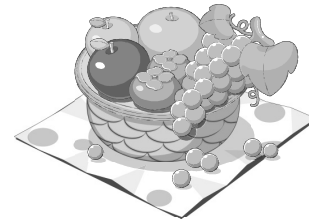
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Dear parent,

Happy New Year! It's nice to be back after a crisp, snowy break.



This term our topic is 'Healthy Me' and the children came up with very good questions at the end of last term, such as; 'How does food keep you healthy?'; 'How are diseases spread?' and 'Why should we exercise?', to quote just a few, which we should hopefully answer in science and PE lessons. We will be looking at the Great Plague and Samuel Pepys Diary in history along with the discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming and discovering where our food comes from and Fair Trade and organic issues in geography. In art we will create fruit pictures using sketching, pastel and printing techniques and we will be learning how to cook healthy recipes with Mrs. Cobbold in food technology. RE also ties in nicely with the class learning about the Bible stories where Jesus healed sick people. Towards Easter we will be looking at the 'new life' aspect to the Easter story.



I hope to arrange a trip to Goodwood Farm towards the end of term so that the children can see for themselves how a farm works but I will send further details out nearer the time.

We will be continuing with French and recorder lessons, as well as looking at the historical aspects of traditional nursery rhymes, such as 'Ring a Ring a Roses' in music. ICT will support all of the above areas, although we will be practising our typing skills using the fun

bbc web site programme which can be found on www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing and researching using the internet and exploring a variety of other programmes.

There has been a slight re-arrangement to our PE lessons. From now on the children will have the Brighton & Hove sport lesson on a Thursday afternoon and their other PE lesson on a Friday afternoon, where gymnastics and games skills will be covered.

Kit Reminder - plain coloured 'house' or white t-shirt, black or white shorts, extra pair of socks, particularly for the girls who wear tights, trainers or plimsolls and tracksuit type trousers and jumpers for outdoor activities in colder weather. Also ear-rings should be taken out or tape provided to cover the ears if the ear-rings have been in less than 6 weeks.

Homework will also change this term; although the weekly reading, spelling and times/division activities stay the same instead of the additional fortnightly tasks the children will be producing their own personal project. This will allow the children to have a little more control over what they want to learn and find out about. PLEASE DO not worry too much about the personal project as it will be led by school, although it will involve children working at home in the time that would normally be allocated to homework. Letters with further explanation and tips about the personal project will follow by the end of the week.

A note before finishing; we are experiencing the continual nuisance that of head lice at the moment. Here's a good tip that I have found to be successful in getting rid of and keeping nits at bay. If you put conditioner on the hair after washing, it is much easier to comb through and the nits and their eggs also comb out much easier as they cannot cling on to the hair so well. It's also much better for the hair than a lot of the bought, harsh 'treatments'.

Please come and see me if you have any concerns; I am around most mornings and afternoons, although I have the staff briefing before school on Monday and the staff meeting after school on Tuesday.

I am still thoroughly enjoying teaching this lovely, small group of children and I hope they are enjoying their lessons too.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Rh. Parry

